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Sabre Gilmartin of Stourbridge with her dog Bertie, who donned his smart tuxedo for the Royal Wedding



Traditional food, bunting and flags . . . it's a right royal knees up at the Black Country Living Museum's street party



Sealed with a kiss – the picture the world waited for as the borough joined the celebrations



The mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller, with Mayoress, Hilary Miller, enjoying the fun at Sedgley Conservative Club



Cradley Heath Big Market fishmongers Gary Link, aged 42, and Mike Nicklin, 66, from Willis Fish celebrate with some nibbles

CHEERS! YOU DID THEM PROUD



Above: Party organiser Stuart Williams, front left, with fellow residents who celebrated the Royal Wedding with their neighbours in Manderston Close, Milking Bank, Dudley



Right: Members of the public gather at Christ Church, High Street, Quarry Bank, to watch the wedding ceremony

Left: Nicky Fleming, front, with partygoers at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill

WITH the bunting out, the Pimms poured and an endless supply of cold beer and hot tea, Royal Wedding fever swept through Dudley.

The nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton captured people's hearts, minds and imaginations as hundreds of well-wishers toasted the couple.

In the UK more than 5,500 official parties were staged last Friday – 14 of them in the borough and in Dudley, the most hosted by any town in the region.

Roads were officially closed as neighbours left their homes to celebrate in their streets. But there were hundreds more parties in gardens, cul-de-sacs, pubs and churches. And

it wasn't just humans who made the most of the Big Day when the fairytale romancers became the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge before a world-wide ordinance of billions.

Bertie, the fashion-conscious dog from Stourbridge, watched the ceremony in his new black tuxedo jacket with a white collar and a red bow tie.

Reception

The smart suit is one of a collection of outfits Bertie, a Yorkshire terrier crossed with a dachshund, regularly dons with the help of his owner, American-born glass jewellery designer Sabre Gilmartin of Heath Street.

The 69-year-old said: "He looks absolutely adorable and like a distinguished gentleman watched the wedding in style." Brierley Hill's Copthorne Hotel got into the spirit of things by giving away a free wedding reception. It was won by Jonathan McGee and Laura Moores, a teacher at Wood Green Junior School in Wednesbury.

They had a blessing ceremony and dedicated their special day to everyone who has supported them since Mr McGee was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2008.

The 41-year-old quantity surveyor has had several operations.

The couple, of Wrens Nest Road, Dudley, had already arranged to get married in April 20.

Mr McGee and Miss Moores, 27, were nominated for the competition run by the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill by friend Paul Gwilliam.

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One-way scheme to stop detour

A ONE-WAY system is being installed in a Black Country street to stop it being used as a rat run.

Resident started campaigning in 2007 as they said speeding drivers used Green Lane in Halesowen as a route to avoid the busy Shell Corner.

Dudley Council has now agreed to make Green Lane, Clement Road and Church Street one way.

Locals said they found it difficult to cross the road at peak times as traffic was so heavy.

Action

They also found it difficult to park their cars on the road as queues stretched back from the junctions.

A petition of 50 names was sent to the council and residents wrote letters demanding action is taken.

John Astley, aged 75, of Green Lane, said: "It's been a nightmare and I'm glad something is finally being done."

Stuart Henley, a 40-year-old father-of-one, who lives in Green Lane, said: "It's great to finally get it implemented."

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said the one-way system would be up and running in the next couple of months.

Support fire service staff sickness shock

BACK office staff at West Midlands fire service took almost twice the number of sick days as front-line firefighters, it emerged today.

While uniformed firefighters took an average of 5.27 days off sick each last year, which was fewer than their bosses expected, control staff and other workers lost 9.12 days each.

The fire service expected to lose an average of 5.5 days for each worker.

West Midlands Fire Service employs 2,403 staff in total and around 2,000 of that number are firefighters.

It means that non-uniformed staff accounted for around 3,500 days of lost time in 2010/11.

The overall average for staff sickness was 6.15 days.

An annual plan by the service states: "This challenging target will be achieved through better understanding and targeting of the reasons for absence."

Losing

Wolverhampton Conservative councillor Joan Stevenson, a member of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority said: "It is surprising that men and

women out on the front line and in a position to sustain injury have taken virtually half the number of sick days of works in what I would call the back office. We have to try to understand what exactly it is that has caused this."

The fire authority is losing £7.7 million from its government grant this year followed by a further £2.5 million in 2012/13. It has set aside £12m as a budget. It is feared that as many as 800 firefighters' jobs could go.

The service is getting rid of 94 specialist roles by reducing the number of firefighters on duty at some stations.

When the Severn was key to trading

A TALK on the River Severn will be entertaining members of Clent History Society next month.

Dr Malcolm Dixon will be speaking about trows, or cargo boats, which travelled down the river during the early 20th century. They were able to transport all kinds of goods between Shrewsbury and Bristol and along the coasts of Devon, Cornwall and South Wales.

The meeting on May 26 will be held in Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue at 8pm.

Hundreds miss out on choice of school

ALMOST 400 children in Dudley have missed out on their first choice primary school, it has emerged.

New figures show that 386 youngsters failed to secure a spot at their top choice school for September.

Around 90 per cent of children – or 3,145 – were allocated their first choice while 95 per cent – or 3,357 – were offered a place at one of their five preferred schools.

Further 174 pupils were allocated to their closest school because there was no room at their preferred schools or no application was made.

Parents had until January 17 to submit their applications and can now appeal if they do not agree with the decision the council has made.

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Around 90 per cent of children were

offered their first preference school while 95 per cent of the total 3,531 Dudley pupils were offered places at one of their preferred schools.

"This means 174 pupils were offered the closest school with a place available either because they failed to make an application or we were unable to accommodate them at any of their preferred schools."

Pressure

The figures have been released after it was revealed that hundreds of extra classroom places are needed across the Black Country and Staffordshire for September because of a baby boom putting pressure on schools.

In Wolverhampton, 339 children failed to secure a spot at their top choice school. Figures show 88 per cent of children were successful in securing their top choice out of 2,822 applications made to the city council.

Council reveals bill to buy landmark cone site

Turbine bid for Valley slated

DUDLEY Council paid almost £225,000 for borough landmark the Red House Glass Cone, it can be revealed.

Bosses have previously remained tight-lipped about how much they had spent on the historic building in Wordsley.

It was snapped up as a springboard for a project to link the cone – one of only four remaining in Britain – with a new attraction at the former Stuart Crystal works across the road.

The property register, filed with the Land Registry, revealed the cost as £224,000. It

was bought from former owners Stuart & Sons in October. The council had previously leased the building.

A feasibility study is currently being carried out for the scheme at the site, known as the White House Cone, across the road.

The council and Complex Developments Ltd, which owns the former crystal works site, are drawing up a bid for European funding to bankroll the scheme, which would include an underground tunnel linking the two sites.

The total cost of the project would be between £3m and £5m, and a bid for up to half of that is expected to be made. Repair work on the former Stuart Crystal shop, which will form part of the same scheme, is expected to start by the summer.

Dudley council's director of urban environment John Millar, said: "We acquired the site to secure our positions as freehold owners of it having previously had a 99 year lease on the cone and the buildings immediately around it.

Regeneration

"The site is a significant heritage asset to this borough and its acquisition gives us much greater security on the site, and also links in with aspirations to further develop the site alongside the wider regeneration projects in that area."

The former Stuart Crystal glass works was taken over by Waterford Wedgwood in a £4 million deal in 2001.

The company axed all 220 manufacturing jobs at the site. Waterford Wedgwood was forced to shut the shop on the site after they went into administration.

"Spaces are sure to fill up really quickly so early registration is recommended."

The entry fee is £20. People can register online at www.marystevenshospice.co.uk. Alternatively, contact the fundraising team on 01384 377778.

Popular with all ages and with the twist of holding the event in the dark within the eerie Castle courtyard the evening promises to be great fun.

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Carpet of blue draws walkers



Jodie Walker, aged 26, enjoying the stunning display of bluebells with her daughter Madison Walker-Carter, two, and nephew Brandon Edwards, four

FAMILIES in the Black Country have been out enjoying the sunshine as colourful carpets of bluebells spring up in woodland across the region.

Dozens of walkers have headed to Saltwells Nature Reserve in Netherton, Dudley, making the most of the bank holiday breaks.

The beautiful blue and green displays have arrived on time despite fears that the bitterly cold weather at the start of the year could delay flowering season.

The ancient Saltwells Woods are managed all year round to conserve the habitat – which allows the traditional British bluebell to thrive.

Lady Dudley planted Saltwells Wood in the eighteenth century to hide the scars of coal mining.

PLANS for a £3 million wind turbine in the middle of a Black Country nature spot have been called "unrealistic" by opponents.

Sandwell Council is considering installing a 200ft high structure in Sandwell Valley to power 1,500 homes, but the plans were criticised by the borough's Conservative group leader Councillor Ray Nock.

Bosses say if a wind turbine was installed in Sandwell Valley it would be screened by foliage and high trees and noise would be drowned out by the M5.

Councillor Nock however said: "The only way these turbines provide as much electricity as is hoped is if they are in the middle of a blustering gale and that is not going to be the case."

Flowl

The site is apparently the only one suitable in the borough which has sufficient wind flow and does not affect flight paths or overhead power lines.

Another site which was considered for a potential turbine was Rowley Hills, but the area was not deemed suitable.

The scheme is one of a number of "spend to save" projects put on hold as the council battles to claw back £75 million in the next four years.

The borough already has one publicly-owned turbine – a 33ft Air Dolphine turbine off Taylors Lane, Oldbury, near the tip in Shidas Lane.

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Revisiting the '80s to help Callum, 17



Members of band Kick Up the 80s Dean Lathbury, front, with back Anthony Green, Justin Hyde and Martin Dolman get ready for their fundraising gig

A CELEBRATION of music from the 1970s and 80s will be held in the Black Country to raise cash for a BMX rider paralysed in an accident.

Hits from both decades will be performed by two bands at the River Rooms in Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge, on May 15. Proceeds will be donated towards the continuing care and recuperation of 17-year-old Callum Loveridge, of Wollaston.

He was left paralysed from the neck down after a crash last year.

Events will start at the River Rooms from 3pm with a performance by band The 7 Teez who will be performing hits such as Disco Inferno, YMCA and Tiger Feet.

Support family

Face painting and a bouncy castle will also be set up in the afternoon, and there will be stalls selling hot and cold food. Events will then continue from 6pm when band A Kick Up the 80s takes to the stage.

The event has been organised by bosses at the venue to support the Cal4U charity, set up by Callum's family and friends to raise cash for the teenager's care.

Tickets are £5 each for the afternoon and evening shows and can be purchased from the River Rooms on 01384 397777.

An all-day ticket, priced £8, will also be available. Drummer for both bands Martin Dolman said: "We are asking people to support the event so we can raise as much money as possible to help in Callum's care."

Subsidies on food stopped

MEAL subsidies for workers at a Black Country hospital will be slashed to save £90,000 a year, it has been announced.

Staff at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley get an average of 35 per cent off the price of food in the canteen.

But from May 30 this will be cut to an average of 20 per cent. Bosses say the move will bring them into line with other hospitals in the region and help to make savings of £12m in the next financial year.

In a letter to staff chief executive Paula Clark said: "The trust and Interserve

(the company that runs the canteen) are going to reduce the subsidy to an average of 20 per cent on May 30 in order to release an extra £90,000 per year back to the trust to help with this current financial challenge.

It also brings our subsidy in line with that given by other hospital trusts locally."

But one worker who did not wish to be named, said staff were disappointed. "It means staff are going to be paying more to be at work. People need to eat and have no choice but to use the canteen."

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Talks are currently under way to discuss whether the former Cradley High School site off Homer Hill in Cradley, Halesowen, could be transformed into a third development.

A RETIRED carpenter died of pneumonia and lung disease caused by breathing in asbestos fibres during the course of his work.

John Lowe, aged 76, of Elmdale Road, Coseley, died at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital on December 27 last year.

He had been ill for the past five years suffering with asbestos fibres in the lungs causing scarring, and a heart condition. Mr Lowe had also suffered a stroke.

At an inquest last week, Black Country coroner

Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death by industrial disease. A post mortem revealed the cause of death to be pneumonia and abscesses of the lungs caused by asbestosis.

Complications

Mr Lowe also had an enlarged heart because the organ had to work harder due to complications caused by the lung disease.

The inquest heard he worked as a carpenter for many firms as a sub-contractor and had regularly worked with large sheets of asbestos.

Authors in free talk at libraries

A SERIES of talks by best-selling authors will be held at libraries across a Black Country borough to mark Big Book Fortnight next month.

Kicking off the event on May 14, children's writer Cathy Cassidy will be at Dudley Library in St James's Road for a free talk between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

On May 18, Jean Baggott – the author behind The Girl on the Wall – will be at Sedgley Library in Ladies Walk for a free session from 10.30am until 11.30am.

Asbestos left scars on lungs

Centring the changes for Black Country bus services

MP backing litter moves

TAXPAYER-funded bus services in the Black Country have changed with some scrapped due to low passenger numbers.

Centra has cut the amount of money it makes available to pay bus operators from £8.6 million to £8.1 million in order to lessen the burden on councils which pay its running costs.

But some services are being extended following passenger requests.

Changes in the Black Country came into effect from Easter Sunday. On the 19 bus the last service will now run at 6pm from Walsall and 17.27 from Bloxwich instead of the hour up to 11pm.

The 404A will terminate at Black-

heath instead of Cradley Heath. Passengers using the 406H West Bromwich to Scott Arms service will see the hourly service from West Bromwich to Europa Village scrapped.

The 35 from Druids Heath to Aldridge will get an extra Monday to Friday service at 6.40am but the Sunday service is being scrapped.

Replaced

Peak time services on the 439 Smethwick to West Bromwich route are being reduced.

The service will leave Smethwick at 7.02am, 8.02am, 4.02pm, 5.02pm and 6.02pm, and West Bromwich at 7.35am, 8.35am, 4.35pm and 5.35pm, and will be operated by

Central Buses. The Sunday journey on the 908 leaving Bloxwich at 5.28am is being scrapped and passengers will have to take the 10 from Rushall to Walsall instead.

The 74 will no longer travel through Chelbury to Walsall. Links from Chelbury will be maintained by an extended 88 service.

The 23 Bloxwich to White Horse Road via Brownhills will still run hourly but the timetables will be the same Monday to Friday as on Saturdays, with services after 1pm on the hour.

Evening and Sunday services on the 332 from Walsall to Lodge Farm will be replaced by the 335 and a half hourly evening and Sunday service to Walsall Manor Hospital.

TRADERS have held talks on how to tackle metal theft, graffiti and littering in a town centre.

Halesowen Chamber of Trade, including chairman Steve Fitzpatrick, met police and Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris to talk about cutting metal thefts, vandalism, and how firms, police and Mr Morris could manage problems in future.

Mr Morris will lobby Home Office minister James Brokenshire on tackling metal theft. Residents were encouraged to

do extra litter picks around the town after talks.

Tony Billingham, who runs Carlton Care Group, said: "It was a very useful meeting, particularly in relation to littering and health and safety."

Mr Fitzpatrick added: "The meeting went very well and the initiatives to come out were promising."

Mr Morris said: "Local traders are the heartbeat of the community in Halesowen. I am keen to create a consensus around tackling ongoing issues such as metal theft and littering, which are hurting business for local traders."

Hundreds interested in new retirement homes

MORE than 700 people have expressed an interest in moving into 204 homes at two new retirement villages being built in Dudley.

Housing association Midland Heart in conjunction with Dudley Council is building a £16million assisted living development for mature people in Russells Hall and an £8million project in Coseley. Both are due to open to residents later this year and bosses say there is no shortage of people hoping to move onto the new sites which will feature facilities like hair salons and a library.

Councillor David Simms, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "The council's partner, Midland Heart, is currently reaching the final stages in developing the borough's first extra housing schemes in Coseley and Dudley.

"Both schemes are on target to complete this summer with residents moving in soon after the completion."

He added: "So far, more than 700 people have registered their interest in living at either Willowfields in Coseley or Broad Meadow, Russells Hall, Dudley."

The Russells Hall scheme will have 132 apartments and will be aimed at the over 55s, while the Coseley scheme will be made up of 72 apartments.

Both will be run by Midland Heart and residents will have access to communal facilities, such as a hair and beauty salon, a gym and a library.

Third

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Pals stage 11th tribute to Chris



Paying tribute to Chris Braithwaite, inset, who died aged 27, are, from left, Andy Forsyth, Leroy Simon and his brother Roy Braithwaite and, back, Pat Bristow and Jon Pincher

FRIENDS of a musician who died aged 27 of heart failure have staged the 11th annual charity gig in his memory.

More than 200 people flocked to the Lamp Tavern in Dudley to remember Chris Braithwaite.

Friends including Andy Forsyth and Chris's brothers Carlton and Roy have raised more than £5,000 for the British Heart Foundation with the events since his death.

Mr Forsyth, 37, drummer with rock group Manitoba, said: "Chris was a really popular bloke. The gigs are always popular."

Chris, of The Broadway, Dudley, died of an undiagnosed heart condition after collapsing while playing for Hill Tavern in 2000.

Along with Manitoba, bands including Empty Can, Plymouth Superbird, Pincher/Pye and Lazy J performed at the pub.

The gig coincided with the unveiling of a £30,000 refurbishment at the pub.



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Talks on baths site still going on

TALKS which could decide the future of a former Black Country baths site look set to be concluded by autumn.

Confidential negotiations have been on-going over the future of the Coseley Baths site.

Council chiefs said last week that they involve continued talks with adjacent land owners in a move to create space for a larger development.

Officers have been holding discussions with owners of derelict properties and vacant land surrounding the site to try to persuade them to sell up so that a bigger parcel of land can go on the market.

The baths in Pear Tree Lane was closed in August 2009.

Philip Tatt, director of corporate resources at Dudley Council, said: "I can confirm to all residents and any other interested parties that no negotiations or discussions have taken place in relation to the disposal of the site and the site is not on the market."

It would stress that the discussions that are ongoing relate solely to exploring the possibility of the joint disposal of land with adjacent occupiers and landowners.

"It is difficult to establish specific timescales in relation to these discussions but we would be hopeful that an outcome will be established with these other landowners by the autumn."

Railway to roll back the years

AN historic railway will turn back the clock to the 1940s for two weekends of activities as part of its programme of events for the rest of 2011.

The popular 1940s weekends will be held at Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway on June 25 and 26 and July 2 and 3 this year.

A beach will be created at the attraction with real sand, and there will be events including Punch and Judy shows, performances of magic and children's rides between August 27 until August 29.

The railway will host its Autumn Steam Gala from September 23 to 25 featuring vintage steam trains.

A classic car and bike day will be held on October 9.

First electric sportscar set to hit circuit

THE world's first electric racing sportscar, made by a Black Country firm, makes its track debut in August. Dudley's Westfield Sportscars Ltd, of Dudley Road, Kingswinford, is taking customers on a world tour, for six to 10 races in the USA and Europe.

Westfield, which recently signed a £30million-a-year deal with Malaysian firm DRB-HICOM, is the first firm to create the high-powered racing electric sportscars.

Managing director Julian Turner said he believed the new kind of cars were "the future" of racing driving. "The thing is, there's a lot more torque – you can go from nought to 60 in a much faster time as you've got instant power, whereas traditional cars are gear-based."

Shareholders

"We've developed some very clever programming to make this possible. It is the future – more and more manufacturers will start to create these kind of cars, and we just want to make sure we're ahead of the pack."

Mr Turner, aged 33, of Kingswinford, took over in December 2006, and has worked to build it up. Unfortunately, he said, he took over just before the recession took hold and banks refused to lend to the project.

"We had no help from any of the banks at all – no overdraft facility, no loans, nothing," he said. "We were faced with the position where we had to find all the funding for this project ourselves, which we



Westfield sales and marketing manager Simon Westwood, left, and managing director Julian Turner with their Sport EV road car, left, and an equivalent petrol-powered car

did through our shareholders." Another problem was legislation. He said designers found themselves in the unusual situation of having to make the car louder. It's extremely quiet so we have had to design noise into it," he said.

"This was to meet health and safety legislation. We carried out a test at our site where we drove along behind someone walking, and they didn't even know we were there. Pedestrians quite often rely

on their hearing to tell if cars are there, so we needed to make sure there was some kind of noise." After battling red tape to get cars to EU specifications and registered as road vehicles, Westfield have sold 70 in the past year. There are two models available to buy – the Sport EV, a road car, and the I-Racer.

Mr Turner said developing technology proved to be the catalyst for great things to come. After the unveiling of the car, the Malaysian deal got underway and was signed at the beginning of this year.

This will mean the firm will be tripling production, not only bringing £30million a year revenue to the region, including Westfield and its suppliers, most of which are based in the Black Country – but will also mean the firm will double its workforce.

Location

Mr Turner said recruitment of 35-50 new workers would begin towards the end of the year, when production is due to begin.

Expansion will see Westfield move from its current home on the Gibbons Industrial Estate, where it has been since 1982, to a bigger location. Mr Turner said he would look at staying in the Black Country, and in Dudley if possible – but he warned that if business rates were not competitive, he would be forced to move elsewhere.

"We're a company that's in the position of being able to move anywhere in the country at the moment," he said.

"There are a lot of people who would bite our arm off if we moved to their area."

Decision on new housing delayed

A DECISION over a planned housing scheme for Tipton which has raised safety concerns due to its proximity to a gas pipeline has been put on hold.

Mar City Developments was originally given permission for a 151-home development on land in Rosemary Road, Thursfield Road and Alexandra Road in February.

But the Health and Safety Executive raised concerns about safety so a scaled down scheme of 142 homes was set to be approved last week.

Report

Despite the revised plans, the executive was still concerned "that in the event of a failure of the high pressure pipeline and ignition of the natural gas there is the risk of significant harm to property and human health, including the potential for fatalities".

A decision on the plans was deferred for the preparation of a further report to deal with legal, planning policy and safety issues raised by the executive.

The empty land was part of the Little Burton council estate. Once built the new development would sit alongside the new £8.8 million Tipton swimming pool and eight-acre former Sigma cast factory site, which is being turned into 87 houses by Redrow.

Heartbreak parents' tribute to bubbly son



Tim Morris

THE devastated parents of a Black Country mechanic who died following a car crash today said they hoped his death would have a "steady influence" on young drivers. Tim Morris, aged 22, of Turners Hill Road, Lower Gornal, died at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital on April 13, five days after the smash in Tipton Road, Sedgley.

Fellow passenger and friend, 24-year-old Daniel Eales, also died. Mr Morris was a passenger in a Honda Civic which hit a wall and traffic lights.

His parents, Colin and Elaine Morris, said their family had been left devastated by his death. His brother and sister are deeply shocked and saddened and we draw strength from each other at this difficult time," they said.

"Tim was the life and soul of any party, his infectious, bubbly personality and caring nature earned him love from his friends and respect from elders. He touched the hearts of everyone he met."

"We are proud of our son and his achievements as a mechanic and we take some consolation from the fact he lived his short life to the full. His friends, his work and his cars were his life, in more recent times he had settled down and was enjoying a caring relationship."

"Passengers in a vehicle are very vulnerable, no-one is invincible and we can only hope that Tim's death will have a steady influence on all young drivers. He will be in our hearts forever."

Serious

The tribute follows an inquest being opened and adjourned at Dudley Coroner's Court.

A post mortem revealed Mr Morris had died from serious head injuries.

An 18-year-old woman, who was also in the car, suffered minor injuries, and the 21-year-old driver was hospitalised with arm injuries.

Police are appealing for witnesses. Call them on 0345 113 5000.

Me and My Girl at village school



Ricky Dowell, aged 27, who plays Bill, and Mel Glazzard, 29, who plays Sally

Caravan storage plan is approved

COUNCILLORS have granted permission for a caravan storage site to be created in a village near Wolverhampton.

Up to 65 caravans will be stored at the site, at Chasepool Lodge Farm, Swindon, at any one time.

Conditions attached to the application state that no work, other than the collection or delivery of caravans, will be allowed to take place other than between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday and between 8am and 1pm

Satisfied

South Staffordshire Council granted permission after being satisfied that the layout and design of the site, in Chasepool Road, would not have an adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area.

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Jessica arrives in a bathroom

A COUPLE feared the worst when their baby daughter was born seven weeks prematurely in a bathroom at a Black Country hospital.

But baby Jessica Atkinson is now a picture of health and back safely in her mother's arms.

Sarah Davis, aged 34, was about to go home from Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital after it seemed her labour pains had been a false alarm. But a routine visit to the toilet was more dramatic than expected and led to her giving birth on April 9.

Miss Davis's partner, Dave Atkinson, 37, said: "It's amazing that out of all that panic we are now left with a beautiful little girl." Doctors spent five minutes resuscitating Jessica after she was born, as she was struggling to breathe.

She was then taken straight to an incubator and stayed there for eight days. Jessica weighed just 3lb 15oz, but has since gone up to 4lb 5oz and is looking "much healthier", Mr Atkinson said.

The couple, of Bradley Street, Brierley Hill, are now focusing on "being a family" and recently took Jessica outside in a pram for the first time.



Sarah Davis and Dave Atkinson with their daughter Jessica

Traders push for shutters rethink

TENS of thousands of pounds of damage at shops, restaurants and takeaways across Dudley borough would be avoided if the council retracted a "ridiculous" ban on steel shutters, traders claim.

Business owners in Dudley have called for a common-sense solution to controversial planning decisions banning the steel roller shutters used to protect their premises after hours. Until recently, Dudley Council insisted it would be inclined to refuse all applications to install shutters.

It said they have a negative impact on the street scene and could increase residents' fear of crime.

Policy

But traders insist they should be able to protect their property.

And development control committee chairman Tim Wright has called for a meeting on the future of the shutters policy.

"We need to be sensible – the policy doesn't appear to be working in its current form," he said.

It comes after the committee approved plans for shutters at Four Seasons Chinese takeaway in Enville Road, Kingswinford.

Developers RO Group, who run Spencer's Indoor Market in Dudley have also recently lodged an application for shutters.

"It is our national policy," said group development director Richard Bourne.

Feasibility study over church use

A FEASIBILITY study has been launched into future uses of a landmark Dudley church, which closed in 2002 due to safety fears.

Campaigners hope St John's in Kates Hill can be opened up to the community again and are now asking residents, businesses and local organisations for their views. The study, which is costing £10,000, will include an online survey and will also look at how much interest there is from community groups in using the building.

Chairman of the St John's Church Preservation Group Deb Brownlee said:

Bed sore numbers tumble at hospital

THERE has been a 40 per cent reduction in avoidable bed sores in Sandwell and West Birmingham hospitals over the past year.

The hospitals' trust estimates this has saved them around £500,000.

A report on nursing quality initiatives undertaken during the past year by the trust has found that a range of improvements to services have brought real benefits to patients. They say the biggest improvement has been the reduction of pressure sores.

The target for 2010/11 was a 10 per cent reduction but between April 2010, and

"This information will be crucial when it comes to persuading the Church Commissioners that the building should be fully reopened. Potential users could be community groups, health specialists, private companies, other charities, clubs, also perhaps wedding fairs, conferences and a wide variety of events such as shows and walks."

It is hoped the completed feasibility study, which is being compiled with the help of Dudley firm Oakham Research, will be used by the group to attract further funding to restore the building.

The preservation group has been tirelessly raising cash to fund repairs and work to replace the lightning conductor on the roof and waterproofing the church has begun.

They hope to open the building up a few hours a week to help with fundraising but are still negotiating with the insurance company. Around £36,000 has been raised towards the lightning conductor, waterproofing work and the study.

Work to completely restore the building is estimated to cost between £750,000 and £1million.

The preservation group is also on the lookout for volunteers to help run its drop-in centre in the old school house in St John's Road and its Saturday stall at Dudley Market Place.

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More council staff agree to equal pay settlement

MORE than 500 extra workers at Dudley Council have now accepted new wage offers, together worth more than £5million, which have been made to settle a long-running pay row.

Dudley Council has already settled with 1,937 people at a cost of £9.4m.

The move was part of its equal pay offers to bring women's wages in line with men's.

And another 1,300 offers worth more than £10.4m were made to workers at the end of last year. Figures show that some 550 of that round of offers have now been accepted.

But council bosses have also confirmed that two "collective"

cases, involving 950 workers, are being considered at an employment tribunal.

Council bosses have urged people to think carefully about the offers being made, and public sector union Unison has been monitoring the situation. Union solicitors have issued advice to people on a case-by-case basis over whether to accept offers.

Offers

Unison branch secretary Steve Beardmore said: "Union officials are working with workers to decide what is the best option for them."

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "With regards to equal pay, 1,301 new offers were made during December 2010.

"Since then 556 offers have been accepted at a cost of £5.2 million."

"There are two collective equal pay cases in progress at an employment tribunal, with another case in the tribunal system pending the resolution of the first two cases."

The two cases each involve a group of workers and could be held in September say union chiefs.

They were due to be held earlier this year but were postponed.

Councils across the region are attempting to deal with the issue of equal pay. The move was demanded by the former Labour government 13 years ago.

Wolverhampton City Council has set a target of a year in which to resolve its equal pay dispute.

Alert over 'worry wards'

LEVELS of care on hospital wards in Sandwell and Birmingham are falling below standards, according to a report.

Increased staff sickness, sliding standards of care, high numbers of agency staff and rising numbers of complaints are some of the reasons why several wards have been declared "worry wards" by nursing staff.

The report, written by Chief Nurse Rachel Overfield, outlines the quality of nursing care at Sandwell and City hospitals and lists the wards she has identified as falling below set standards.

Flexible

She states one of the major contributing factors is the number of wards with flexible bed numbers.

Priory five ward at Sandwell Hospital has had its number of beds limited because of concerns about patient care.

It was put in special measures 18 months ago over failing standards but this was lifted in March 2010.

Lyndon three and Newton three wards at Sandwell are causing concern, along with Newton four ward, a 22-bedded stroke ward that routinely opens to over 30 beds.

Still time to be in musical

BIRMINGHAM'S New Alexandra Theatre will be staging a production of Bugsy Malone as part of this summer's Stage Experience scheme.

The theatre has been running the programme for the last nine years, offering youngsters between the ages of nine and 21 the opportunity to take part in a professional performance.

Hundreds of youngsters audition to take part each year and anyone who would like to take part has until Saturday, May 7 to do so.

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In the pink for summer school



Pink Productions director Jodie Richards surrounded by members of the group

YOUNGSTERS can look forward to a season of song and dance with a summer school in the Black Country.

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The event, now in its fourth year, will be held at The Mill Theatre, in Mill Bank, Sedgley, between August 15 and 19.

Classes will take place for those aged four and above, including a range of singing workshops. The "In The Pink" event will culminate on the Friday night with a performance taking place in the theatre. Pink

Productions director Jodie Richards said: "After the success of the company's previous 16 sell-out productions, Pink Productions is pleased to be back this summer at the new venue to give people this fantastic experience."

"The company, which is proud to have taught One Direction boy band singer Liam Payne, is booking up fast for this event."

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Plans for widening route go

PLANS to widen a busy road linking the Black Country with Birmingham have been shelved – after £100,000 was spent on a business case proposing the scheme.

Sandwell and Birmingham City Council want £16million from Government to carry out the work on the A457 Dudley Road, near to the junction with Heath Street.

An initial business case was turned down and the authority had hoped to resubmit a strengthened case this year.

But exactly when this will happen is still uncertain.

The Government has imposed a freeze on major capital grant transport schemes.

"The money has not been wasted," said the council's assistant development officer David Ball.

"There has been an investment."

"We have got a case and it's a strong case," he added.

"But we're in the hands of Government."



Ryan Piggot, Sarah Parkes and Jack Moore of the Grow Your Own group at the RSA Academy

Pupils pick up litter award

PUPILS at the RSA Academy in Tipton are celebrating after winning an award.

Tipton Litter Watch presented staff and pupils with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for their commitment to raising awareness about environmental issues.

Pupils have created allotments in the academy grounds where they grow a range of vegetables and the next step is to set up community allotments for local people to come and relearn old skills.

A community orchard is also

being established and the first apple trees have been planted at the school in Gospel Oak Road.

The academy's biodiversity group is busy creating habitats to encourage a wide range of species to take up residence on site. The pupils are also learning to cook and the Healthy Eating Action Group is encouraging students to reflect on their diet.

Food waste is composted and used on the allotments and a vegetable box scheme is being introduced for parents and staff.

The Environmental Action Group at the school has written an Eco-Code which has been shared across the academy community. The curriculum is also being reviewed to identify opportunities for integrating environmental issues.

Tipton Litter Watch stated the school has demonstrated a real commitment to creating an environmentally sustainable learning community.

Tipton Litter Watch is an award winning community-led environmental charity funded by Sandwell council.

How to foil takeaway vandals

A DUDLEY takeaway owner who spent thousands of pounds repairing damage done by vandals has permission to install steel shutters – provided he paints them a "nice colour".

Councillors on the planning committee unanimously overruled official policy to allow Kevin Tsang, the owner of Four

Seasons Chinese takeaway in Envile Road, Wall Heath, to put up the roller shutters.

Mr Tsang welcomed the verdict. "I think they made the right decision; it means we can protect ourselves," he said.

"Painting the shutters is quite a reasonable thing to ask to try and make the street look a bit nicer."

The meeting heard that the

takeaway had been repeatedly targeted by vandals who smashed the front window.

Damage cost hundreds of pounds each time and, in one incident in 2008, reached more than £2,000 as the frame was damaged. A 500-name petition from customers had been submitted in support of the plans.

Chairman of the committee, Councillor Tim Wright, suggested conditions be attached meaning Mr Tsang must paint the shutters a "nice colour" to minimise the "industrial grey" look when the shop was closed.

Ward councillor Dave Tyler, who spoke in support of the application, afterwards said he was "in shock". "It's just brilliant news – a real common sense decision," he said.

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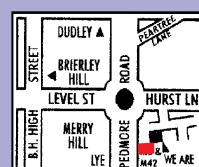
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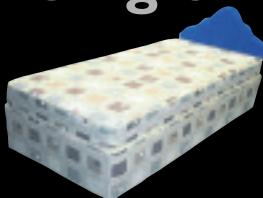
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Husband took identity of wife's dead cousin

A WOMAN smuggled her illegal immigrant husband into the country and claimed almost £40,000 in fraudulent benefits after he took on the name of a dead cousin to hide his true identity, a court heard.

Julie Ledgister, of Dudley, received a total of £38,557 in income support, council tax and housing benefits from the taxpayer by not revealing her husband lived with her.

The 43-year-old mother admitted the five-year scam at Wolverhampton Crown Court and was jailed for 18 weeks.

The court heard that Ledgister, of Ernest Road, had married her husband in the Americas in 1996. He then entered the country illegally, taking on the name of her dead cousin.

Ledgister fraudulently claimed benefits from June 2003 until she was caught in 2005.

Mr Graham Russell, prosecuting, said the benefit fraud only came to light after a Home Office investigation into her husband, who applied for a passport under the cousin's name.

Recorder Mr Stephen Thomas said that the offence had been "fraudulent from the outset" and it was clear there had been no question at all of her living in poverty.

He told her: "What you did essentially was steal a large sum of money from the families who pay their taxes by going out to work."

Comfortable

"You were enjoying a rather comfortable life on the back of the money you were not entitled to receive," he added.

He added that the offences were too serious to warrant anything other than an immediate custodial sentence.

Mr Russell said that when the Home Office discovered the passport application from Ledgister's husband was fraudulent, they alerted the council which began to investigate.

Officers discovered that he had been living with her while she was claiming benefits, submitting numerous claims for income support, council tax and housing benefits from Dudley Council over five years.

He said that her husband had been sentenced at an earlier hearing.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said that Ledgister was a woman of previous good character and was in poor health, meaning she would not find it easy serving a prison sentence.

Displays strike the target



Harvington Hall history re-enactors Sharon Hill, David Bills, Michael Tromans, David Bywater and Alan Harvey retrieve their arrows during archery practice

AN HISTORIC HALL turned back the clock during a living history event to give visitors a glimpse into the past.

More than 500 people visited Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, over the Easter weekend to watch as re-enactors brought the Elizabethan period back to life.

Families made the most of the blazing sunshine and watched as a light-hearted reconstruction of the battle with the Spanish Armada was performed at the historic site.

The show was a mummers play, an early form of comedy which was popular during the period, organised by the hall to show visitors the entertainment of the age.

It was staged by the Harvington House Re-enactment Group in the gardens of the hall. Staff also took people on a guided tour of the hall's historic network of priest holes, which date back to the late 1500s.

During the Elizabethan period it was treason to be a Roman Catholic priest in England but the hall's owner Humphrey Pakington was a staunch Roman Catholic and arranged for the hiding places to be built into the hall.

They were so successful no priest was ever discovered. The places of concealment still exist at the hall today and visitors are allowed to enter.

Staff from the hall said the weekend of events had been very successful.

Hall manager Sheridan Breedon

said: "More than 500 people have been to the hall over the Easter weekend which is absolutely brilliant."

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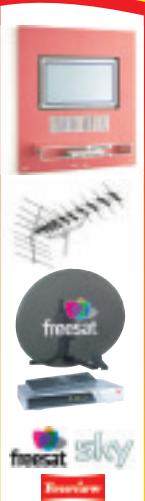
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Car wash bid is rejected by planners

PLANS to transform a vacant, overgrown plot of land leading up to Dudley's Merry Hill Shopping Centre into a car sales lot and hand car wash have been thrown out.

Members of Dudley Council's planning committee decided on April 26 that creating the business on land near William & Sons furniture store in Level Street, Brierley Hill, would be inappropriate.

Councillors declared that Merry Hill was the "jewel in the borough's crown" and such "eyesore" developments did not belong on one of the main routes to the centre.

A spokesman for William & Sons told the meeting the company was concerned about high volumes of chemicals and detergents running off into the drainage system, and also about parking.

The committee unanimously rejected the plans.

Country

Chairman, Councillor Tim Wright, said: "Merry Hill attracts people from all over the country. It's the jewel in the crown of the borough.

"When people are driving down Level Street, which is one of two main roads which lead to the centre, is this the kind of development we want them to see?"

At an earlier committee meeting last month Councillor Wright "declared war" on hand car washes.

He said he was "sick and fed up" of these kind of businesses springing up on "any old patch of spare or empty land".

Drain covers disappearing



Councillor Beatrice Owen and resident Sidney Griffiths by one of the drains

THIEVES stole 19 drain covers from streets in the Black Country over the Easter holiday weekend.

Residents say a gang of men have struck in daylight, wearing luminous coats to masquerade as council officials, before removing covers and loading them into a van.

Tipton is one of the areas hardest hit, covers taken from streets including Salter Road, St John's Road and Tibbington Terrace in Princes End.

Sandwell Council said that replac-

ing the 19 covers will cost almost £10,000 and bosses anticipate more thefts will come to light.

Princes End ward Councillor Beatrice Owen has warned residents to be vigilant. She said: "I have received reports of men arriving in a van, bold as brass and removing covers, then fencing off the drains and placing a traffic cone on top. They wear high visibility jackets and operate in broad daylight, so people presume they are acting in an official capacity."

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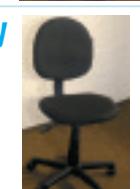
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Shop assistant did not scan £1,200 of goods

Tree of remembrance for church

A TREE of remembrance has been created in a Tipton churchyard as a place where the bereaved can remember their loved ones.

The tree, in the grounds of St John's Church in Upper Church Lane, has been blessed and people can now pay £2 to have a cross hung from the branches in memory of a relative or friend.

Crosses will remain in the tree for a month as a way of remembering someone who has recently died or to mark an anniversary. The memorial tree was the brainchild of Councillor Beatrice Owen, member for Princes End, Tipton. She said: "The crosses are made from cardboard and hung with wire and can be bought from the church.

"People can put names on them or whatever they wish, then they are hung from the branches.

"We have already put up about 80 and have made about £200."



Councillor Beatrice Owen and church warden Robert Harding with the tree

A SHOP worker in the Black Country gave more than £1,200 worth of goods to customers without scanning them at the till, a court heard.

Sara Legister, aged 19, carried out the scam at TK Maxx in the Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill.

She passed on clothes and electrical items to the customers on three separate occasions. Bosses became suspicious when they noticed some of the accounts did not add up and studied CCTV footage, Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates.

Store bosses saw her twice "under-ring" and "free-bagging" on another occasion, he said.

Under-ringing involves only charging a customer for some items from a basket, while free-bagging means putting goods straight into their carrier bag without scanning anything.

Mr Cooper said the store was now trying to recoup the £1,253 value of the goods from Legister, of Kirkham Way, Tipton.

When interviewed after being arrested on her 19th birthday, she told police she did not know any of the customers involved.

Jamaica

But she told them the items were being sent to a "third party in Jamaica", Mr Cooper added.

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said there was "more to the situation" but Legister had refused to name the people she had served.

Legister, who is due to start a performing arts degree at London Metropolitan University in September, lives with her parents, the court heard.

She had insisted on taking full responsibility for the crime, Mr Vahey said, and has since lost her job.

He said: "She was clearly under pressure from other people to carry this out."

The three incidents took place between August 2010 and April 15 this year, the court was told.

Legister pleaded guilty to fraud by abuse of her position when she appeared in court yesterday.

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Golf balls peril sparks row over safety nets



Brooke Thornton-Cartwright and parents Andy and Joanne who say that they are afraid to allow Brooke to play outside their home for fear of her being hit by the balls which fly over from the neighbouring golf course

A BLACK Country mother says that she is terrified to let her daughter play in their garden in case she is hit by golf balls from a neighbouring course.

Joanne Thornton-Cartwright, of Rowley Regis, said when she bought her home next to the course in August developers Bellway Homes said golf nets would be erected to prevent balls from Rowley Regis Golf Club landing in their garden.

She added despite numerous phone calls, letters and emails to developers work has yet to be done.

Mrs Thornton-Cartwright said she is frightened to let 10-year-old daughter Brooke play in the garden of their Portway Road home.

She said husband Andy's car and the PVC frame of a house window have already been hit by balls.

She said: "If someone gets hit by the golf balls they could be killed, they come over at such a speed."

"Also I don't know who would pay for it if one of the windows were smashed."

Fencing

She added: "It is particularly frustrating when the weather is nice because we are scared to sit out."

Golf club owner John Broadhurst said: "Since they started building the houses three years ago we warned them it would be a health and safety problem and they said a net or a fence would go up."

"It is their responsibility as the golf course was there first."

"I was there when they said they would do it."

He has now decided to erect a subsidiary net and look into planting trees to protect the houses.

He said: "It will cost me around £7,000, to do it, and it is not my responsibility, it is that of Bellway Homes."

Bellway Homes spokeswoman Julian Kenyon said: "The erection of any specialist fencing between the Bellway development and the golf course was not part of any planning or contractual obligation."

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Proof that the Big Society has been around for years

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Reckless

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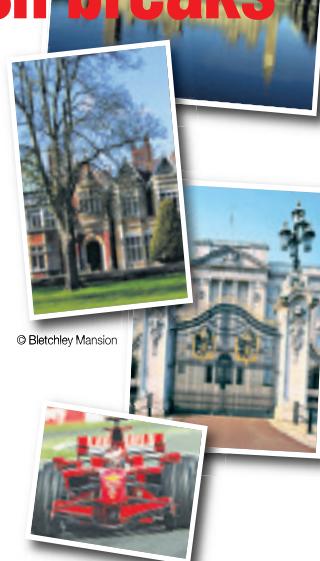
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Birthday joy for great-great-granny Nellie



Nellie Hunt on an AJS motorcycle in 1930 when she was about 19 years old



Nellie Hunt with her husband Leonard on holiday in Eastbourne in 1958. Sadly, Mr Hunt died 25 years ago

Nellie Hunt celebrates her birthday with, back from left, Chris Jinks, Catherine Sharp, Ron Sharp, Robert Sharp and, front, Norman Hunt and wife Valerie

It was cheers all round as Nellie Hunt celebrated her 100th birthday with her family.

Staff at The Woodlands Care Home in Wollaston, Stourbridge, staged a surprise party for Mrs Hunt, who has lived there for 13 years.

Her son Norman, two grandsons, Robert and Glenn, and great-granddaughter Catherine all turned out to enjoy a glass of

fizz and some cake. The former shop worker from Birmingham, grew up in Brookfields, Winton Green.

Active

Her husband Leonard, who died 25 years ago, painted motorcycles at the New Hudson factory in Summer Hill Street, Birmingham.

When he served with the Royal Engineers during the Second World War, Mrs

Hunt went back to her job at a shop selling household products in Brookfields. In later life she moved to Great Barr but would travel to see family in Stourbridge.

Her son, Norman, 78, said: "She was always very active and I think that is why she has reached 100. She would ring my wife to meet her in a cafe in Stourbridge.

She had travelled all the way from Great Barr – and she did that until she was at least 86."

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TECHNOLOGY

3D dazzles at show

THE Gadget Show Live last month proved a phenomenal success and further established the show at the NEC as the UK's leading consumer technology event.

The show attracted a record attendance figure of 104,759 with around 20,000 consumers visiting each day the show was open to the public.

Based on the popular Five television programme, The Gadget Show Live, the event had over 200 exhibitors showcasing thousands of products.

Visitors trialled exciting gadgets and had the chance to interact with the latest in 3D, gaming, tech transport and the latest tablets to rival – or under cut in price – the highly desirable iPad.

Those attending the show also experienced technology of the future in the Future Tech Zone, with everything from eye and mind control gaming through to augmented reality and truly wireless technology for the home on display.

More than 67,500 people attended the Super Theatre, which accommodated just under 4,500 visitors three times daily. Presenters from the TV show, Jason Bradbury, Wolverhampton's Suzi Perry, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and Pollyanna Woodward gave a high-energy per-

formance. The latest in wearable technology from CateCircuit was also showcased with a specially designed electronic dress made exclusively for Pollyanna.

Several World Records were smashed at this year's show, including the world's lightest touch-screen mobile phone, awarded to sWaP and the largest mobile phone gaming party organised by Kick Energy in the Game Zone.

The Gadget Show Live also hosted the first UK viewing of several eagerly anticipated games including DIRT3 from Codemasters (released May 24), the new Duke Nukem game from 2K games and EA's Need for Speed: Shift 2 Unleashed.

The first up-to-28mph street legal e-bicycle, the Grace E Bike was also launched in the UK at the show. Personal Projector showed their new pico range and Wacom had an exclusive preview of their new Stylus Bamboo range for the iPad.

University

The University of Wolverhampton was represented at the show for the second year and were a part of the exciting new possibilities in 3D technology, which were a major element of the show.

Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear stereo shutter glasses and test their skills at forklift truck driving in a 3D virtual reality environment. Academics and students on architecture and design courses have developed stereoscopic 3D virtual environments so buildings can be explored before they are even built.

Two interactive robots developed by lecturers for budding computer engineers to learn theory hands-on and a console-controlled airship designed by final year student Ed Wilson were also on show.



Crowds of gadget lovers tried out the latest tech

Tablets, apps and 3D were the hottest topics across the show. There was a lot of interest in the budget but good looking tablet computers from View Quest and Elonex, which aim to make tablets affordable enough for one per family member rather than one tablet per household.

Gadgets guru Tom Dumrong previewed some of the amazing applications (apps) coming our way and predicted the triumph of the Android market across several tech platforms. It is currently mostly used by mobile phone users and gives access to 30,000 apps, from maps to barcode readers to games. He previewed an instant translation app which you can hold in front of foreign writing, near field communication to find items in shops and virtual money that will make phones/tablets more like a wallet, and just as essential when leaving the home.

3D was everywhere, from Nintendo 3D's no glasses required gaming, to impressive high end 3D TVs and laptops from such as Sony and Panasonic. Among the quirkiest items were California's NeuroSky with their Mindwave headset which allows the user to interact with a programme using their minds, pioneering the ultimate form of hands-free gaming. The wider future of this most sci-fi type of tech, based on brainwave reading medical equipment, is mind-boggling with such projects as mind-controlled wheelchairs being developed. And for those who hate housework, iRobot's range of vacuum-cleaning bots, which sense the environment around them and can do the vacuuming whilst you are out, were a welcome innovation.

Leon Burakowski
The Slate 3, View Quest's first sub £200 'Android Honeycomb' tablet, due out later this summer



One of iRobot's Roomba cleaners



Stepping out in aid of charity



Geoff Hill, Denise Hudson and Deb Barnett ready for the walk

MORE THAN 200 Midlanders put their best foot forward for charity at a beauty spot.

Fundraisers walked around Bodenham Arboretum at Wolverley, near Kidderminster, to raise funds to help cancer patients.

It was organised by the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction Group, which supports breast cancer patients.

Organisers hope the amount raised from sponsorship money will match

last year's fundraising total of £10,500.

The walk last week was started by Stourbridge fundraiser Geoff Hill MBE.

Denise Hudson, of Chantry Road, Stourton, who founded the support group with friend Deb Barnett, said: "We had more than 230 walkers so we were very pleased with the turnout.

"The weather wasn't too hot so it was ideal for walking."

Delay on brewery decision



The lorry driver tries to navigate the corner into Market Street, Stourbridge

Chaos over bad parking

IT WILL be at least six months before a decision is made on the future of an historic Oldbury brewery which has been a magnet for arsonists.

The future of Langley Maltings in Oldbury has been in doubt following a catalogue of attacks at the Western Road site.

Specialist architects are still on site drawing up a report for future uses of the building, as it may no longer be suitable to be used for housing.

Parts of the Grade II listed building have already been demolished.

Businessmen Lehmber Singh and Harbhajan Singh Dhadday who run D&S Enterprises Ltd bought the property for £1million in 2007.

Mr Singh said it would be at least six to eight months before the owners were expecting to receive a final report on the building's condition.

Woman died after falling

A WOMAN died after suffering falls at a Black Country residential home, an inquest heard.

Doris Ryder, aged 83, died on April 22 at Wordsley Hall in Mill Street, Wordsley.

The inquest was opened and adjourned at Smethwick Coroners Court. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said: "Although the medical cause of death is bronchopneumonia, there may be some connection between that and the falls."

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Robbers use knife threat to victim

ROBBERS used a knife to threaten a man before ordering him to hand over his wallet and gold rings.

The victim was walking along the canal towpath near Firs Industrial Estate, Kidderminster, at 3.30pm on Monday April 25.

The man, in his 40s, became aware of the two men following him from the direction of Stourport. As he approached a bridge leading to the industrial estate they shouted for him to stop.

One had a knife and ordered him to hand over his four gold rings. They also took a black leather wallet containing around £170. The thieves then walked off back towards Stourport.

Unshaven

The thieves were both white men aged in their 40s.

One was around 6ft 1in, of heavy build and unshaven. He was wearing a hoop earring in his right ear.

The other man was tanned and also of heavy build, around 6ft 2in and had brown hair which was short at the back and sides but longer on top.

Detective Sergeant Pete Wheeler said: "The presence of a knife, although not used, adds to the seriousness of this offence."

Police are asking anyone who saw the thieves to come forward with information.

Witnesses are asked to call Kidderminster CID on 0300 333 3000.

£2.5m of dodgy goods are seized



Trading Standards' Bob Charnley with seized goods

SVR winter investment

SERVICES at Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway could be disrupted again this winter as further maintenance work is carried out along the historic line.

Officials said they would again be investing heavily in the railway network at the end of the year and the start of

2012. It has not yet been decided where along the line work will be carried out over the winter months with plans to be finalised in the summer.

Cash for future work will be financed from profits with the railway working to boost visitor numbers after a drop last year.

MILLIONS of pounds worth of fake DVDs, cigarettes, alcohol, and toys have been seized during trading standards swoops in Sandwell in the last year.

Fake iPhones, designer label clothes and alloy wheels were found amongst goods worth about £2.5million in lost money to the industries involved – more than twice last year's £1 million haul.

The latest haul saw 75,000 cigarettes, 25kg of tobacco, 652 litres of wine and 111 bottles of vodka seized.

Officers also confiscated 6,500 games, 3,000 DVDs, 300 toys, 600 fake designer dresses and 40 modified Xbox consoles.

The growth of the internet has posed a greater challenge for officers as crooked traders try to remain "invisible" to the authorities. However, forensic analysis of seized computers and more sophisticated surveillance has helped the clampdown on dodgy traders.

The borough's deputy trading standards manager Bob Charnley said: "It is a constantly evolving battle of wits as rogues adapt themselves."

Forensic

"We have got to be more and more aware of different technologies because criminals are getting smarter and using the internet to stay invisible. But through forensic analysis of computers, bank accounts and trading activities we are getting them, because of the extensive evidence gathering work we do."

Intelligence for officers comes from test purchases, tip-offs from sharp-eyed members of the public and hours, weeks, sometimes months, of research.

The aim for Trading Standards officers is to know everything about dodgy traders' ill-gotten gains, to be able to understand the full extent of their criminal activity and prosecute, as well as seize fake goods.

Mr Charnley added: "We have to know everything they've been doing."

"Some of these more prolific offenders are making tons of money before they're caught and that's why we have to make sure we prosecute them and get all of that back for the honest worker."

Violet clocks up her century



Violet Wassell with son Tom, his wife Angela and carer Sonya Stackhouse

months she has slowed down. We were concerned she wasn't going to make it. So we're over the moon. To reach 100 is very impressive."

Mrs Wassell was born and raised in Derby End, Netherton.

She married husband Richard in 1940 and then moved to Birch Crescent, Tividale. Richard, known as Dick, died in 1990.

Mrs Wassell, who has lived at Valley Court for about three years, used to be a keen gardener.

Fun day boosts caring group

SCORES of people turned out to a fun day at a Midlands bar, which raised £800 for an organisation which helps children and adults with severe learning disabilities and also enhances their lives.

A bouncy castle, barbecue, tombola and other entertainment at Legends Sports Bar, in Owen Street, Tipton, pulled in funds for Sandwell Multicare.

Wolves supporter Bill Shuker, aged 60, of Anderson Gardens, Tipton, and West Bromwich Albion fan Mick Bradley, aged 52, of John Bright Close, Tipton, also raised more than £300 by swapping football shirts for the day.

Respite

The organisation, based in Brook Street, Tipton, provides respite care, Saturday clubs, holiday schemes and community activities for people with disabilities.

Licensee of Legends Sports Bar, Jennifer Freeman, said: "The whole community has helped to make this happen."

"The staff are also working for free and their wages for the day are being donated to Sandwell Multicare."

"It is a good cause," he added.

Children who use Sandwell Multicare were also invited along to the event.

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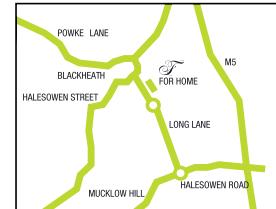
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Pleasant times in store at pub

A COUPLE have stepped in to rescue their local Black Country pub after the doors closed without warning three months ago.

Steelworker Mark Rose and his wife Claire, a teaching assistant, have taken the reins of the Mount Pleasant in Cot Lane, Kingswinford.

The pub, which closed suddenly at the end of January, is a stone's throw from the couple's home.

The life-changing move will create up to 20 jobs. Mr Rose, aged 43, said they were keen to try to breathe new life into the pub.

"It is a completely new venture for us, but it is our local pub," he said.



Mark and Claire Rose outside the Mount Pleasant

"We will be introducing a new hot food bar menu, which will be available all day, every day," said Mr Rose.

Breakfast

There will also be a new breakfast and cake menu available – a first for the pub.

The popular lunchtime carvery will continue.

The pub, operated by Marston's Brewery, shut on January 24 with the loss of 25 jobs.

It is one of many to close during the past six months.

Car parking brings £1.5m for council

MORE THAN £1.5million has been paid out by motorists to park in Dudley over the last year.

There are 75 car parks in the borough providing almost 6,500 spaces. Chiefs say cash generated helps pay for road schemes.

New figures show the total paid by motorists in 2010 to park in council car parks was £1,561,916.56.

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Money generated is reinvested into the running of the car parks and other services relating to areas such as highways maintenance and transportation."

Car park prices vary across the borough and depending on the type of car park.

Split

Charges in car parks in Dudley are split into three scales ranging from 40 pence for up to an hour at some sites to £2.50 for 12 hours at other locations.

Season tickets are also available for £100 for three months and £355 for 12 months.

Dudley Council also has 26 civil enforcement officers who dish out parking tickets.

On average around 24,000 parking tickets are given out to motorists each year.

Numbers up on theft of plates

NUMBER plates have been stolen from more than 12,000 vehicles across the West Midlands in the last three years, new figures show.

Such plates are often used by criminals who do not want to be caught when committing a crime such as stealing fuel or if they want to disguise a stolen car.

Figures released by West Midlands Police show the number of vehicles where registration plates were stolen from April 2008 to the end of March this year was 12,347.

Secure

Some 3,890 were reported in 2008-09, 3,718 in 2009-10 and 4,613 in 2010-11.

Forty sets of plates were stolen in the Walsall borough during a month-long crime spree in March while in February plates were taken from 14 cars in Sandwell in less than a week.

They were used on vehicles stealing fuel by driving off from a petrol station without paying.

Police have warned motorists to secure their plates with anti-theft screws.

Officers have also worked with car dealerships in Wolverhampton to try to make the number plates more secure.



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Blow for residents as quarry plan is revived

A CONTROVERSIAL quarry scheme at the back of a Dudley rugby club today has taken a leap forward as plans were submitted to begin excavating for gravel and minerals.

Plans to quarry land at the Mile Flat in Wall Heath, Dudley, at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club, have been put in by contractor FG Davis, despite fears aired by local families.

Bosses had earlier declared their intentions by putting forward the proposals for inclusion in Staffordshire County Council's long-term quarrying plan, the Minerals Core Strategy.

The move sparked a storm of protest

from residents who say a quarry would make their lives a misery.

But now FG Davis has submitted firm plans for the scheme, off Swindon Road, to the county council.

The company has also applied to extend its permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.

Residents are now gearing up for a new battle.

Wall Heath ward councillor Dave Tyler is spearheading the campaign and said he was prepared to fight the plans "all the way".

Outcry

"To think that there could be another site like this just around the corner and right next to the rugby club is terrible," he said.

"Having another quarry in the area

would blight the area for at least another generation.

"Even in the medium term, we could have major problems with traffic, dust, and noise."

In 2001, the firm made an application to quarry the same site, but withdrew the plans at the last minute following public outcry.

Plans for two quarries emerged in 2009 when FG Davis applied for them to be included in the Minerals Core Strategy.

A decision on the proposals is expected by June.

In 2009, the council's regeneration chief Robert Marshall, said: "In simple English any new quarry will be almost certainly opposed and any extension to any existing quarry will be potentially opposed."

No-one from FG Davis was available for comment on the latest plans.

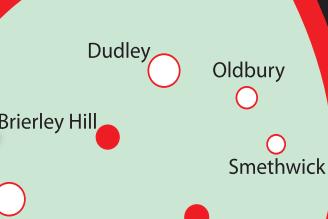


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Glass making seeks clearer route ahead

GLASS is synonymous with Dudley and Stourbridge, where it has been made for around 400 years. The area has been home to world famous glass companies, including Royal Brierley and Stuart Crystal, and is such an iconic part of the borough that even Stourbridge's football team are known as the Glassboys.

Now individuals are keeping glass making alive in the area, with help from the Contemporary Glass Society which promotes the work of glass artists from across the world and organises glass exhibitions and conferences. But the society has now suffered a shattering blow.

It can trace its history back for 400 years, but glass making in the Stourbridge and Dudley areas has been dealt a shattering blow. Alex Wainwright reports



Janet Hendry of the British Glass Foundation and Will Farmer of Fieldings Auctioneers with items from a recent auction in Stourbridge which raised funds for the preservation of the industry.

It has lost £50,000 of funding from Arts Council England that it uses to help promote this heritage.

The society will receive funding only until 2012, and says it is deeply disappointed with the decision.

Society chairman Victoria Scholes says: "We are very frustrated. We have worked so hard and all our members are very pleased with the work that we do."

"Dudley has such a heritage in glass making and it's really important to keep hold of that heritage."

The society received regular funding from the Arts Council for six years. It costs around £72,000 per year to run, so the cuts amount to more than two-thirds of the money it needs.

The decision came after budget cuts meant Arts Council England was forced to make a 6.6 per cent reduction in West Midlands spending over four years.

Connecting

The society began in 1997 and is based at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford. It is the largest network of glass makers in the UK, with almost 700 members, and provides vital services for the glass community by promoting the work of artists and connecting them through its website.

It allows artists to create member profiles where they can post pictures, give information about their work and supply contact details and links to their own websites.

The society also promotes online exhibitions where artists can put forward pictures of their work, and judges pick the best pieces.

Glass has been manufactured in the borough for more than 400 years, and the iconic glass cones can still be seen in the area. It began here in the 17th century when refugee gentlemen glassmakers from France settled,



Artist Terri Colledge, who works in the Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge in the area of cameo and enamel painted glass

attracted by the abundant supplies of coal and clay for their furnaces. Manufacturing peaked in the 19th century because of the availability of canal transport, meaning it was possible to import large amounts of fine sand from Ireland.

In Stourbridge, by 1861, all 11 glass factories were alongside a canal, and it is this history that the society is helping to keep alive.

One person who has benefited from the society is Stourbridge glassmaker David Green, a senior glass lecturer at Wolverhampton University. He has been involved in glass making for more than 25 years and his work was featured as part of the society's last online exhibition, Mixing It. He even encourages his students to use the website.

"It's a really useful tool and gives the students the opportunity to network and engage with other glass makers. It's a core of information," he says.

Mr Green says the funding loss is devastating, but is



Charles Hajdamach with a commission at Broadfield Glass Museum in Kingswinford, 20001 a Human Oddity by David Reekie

also grateful that the money flowed for as long as it did, given that glass is such a specialist area. "It's a very unfortunate situation. There is no other organisation like it."

"If people don't get the chance to experiment there will be no opportunity to create new techniques and life will become bland. The world would be a much plainer place."

His disappointment is shared by others, including Charles Hajdamach, a world-renowned British glass expert and author of 20th Century British Glass and British Glass 1800-1914.

"If people don't get the chance to experiment there will be no opportunity to create new techniques and life will become bland "

- David Green "

He has given lectures across the world about glass making, and is a member of the society.

Mr Hajdamach, who lives in Stourbridge, says: "It's a devastating decision and it will seriously affect what they can do. It's a very serious blow to people who are the main ambassadors of British glass. Glass makers are resourceful people and hopefully the society will be able to find funding elsewhere."

Stourbridge glass expert Graham Fisher, author of Jewels on the Cut: An Exploration of the Stourbridge Canal and the Local Glass Industry, says: "It's an unfortunate blow to glass making."

The society will now review the services it provides and while it hopes to keep the core services, in the short term mentoring schemes, travel bursaries and schools workshops will not be main priorities.

But it is looking for alternative funding – and is positive that all services will resume in the future. That much, at least, is clear.

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Raiders punch elderly victim

MASKED raiders hit a pensioner in the face after breaking into his Black Country home. The 68-year-old was robbed at his home in Warley.

Two men, described as white and both wearing balaclavas, forced entry and threatened the man before punching him. They then stole bank cards and £20 before escaping at around 1am on Friday, April 29.

DC Matt Millward from Sandwell CID said: "This was a nasty incident and police inquiries are ongoing to catch those responsible."

The victim is not the only person in the region to have been attacked at home recently. Two elderly people were left with broken bones, deep cuts and clumps of hair missing after being targeted in two separate raids in Pheasey, Walsall.

Police are concerned that as the weather gets warmer people will leave doors and windows open, rendering their homes vulnerable. Anyone with information can call police on 0345 113 5000.

Car smashes into garden wall

A CAR crashed into a garden wall after swerving to avoid a vehicle from the opposite direction.

It happened in Timbertree Road, Cradley Heath, at about 7pm on April 29. The woman driver had no serious injuries.

A POCKET WATCH which travelled to the other side of the world early in the last century has made it home to the Black Country.

The miniature timepiece belonged to The Rev Thomas Swindell who was vicar at All Saints' Church in Sedgley from 1888 to 1929.

The gold watch was inscribed and given to him by his parishioners in 1913 as a thank you for his first 25 years of service.

Over the decades it has been passed down through generations of Mr Swindell's descendants, ending up with his great-grand-niece in British Columbia, Canada. But it has now been welcomed back to All

Saints' after family friend David Shelton took it to Sedgley and presented it to current vicar, the Rev Stephen Buckley.

The church plans to put the watch on show during special events so it can be seen by the whole community.

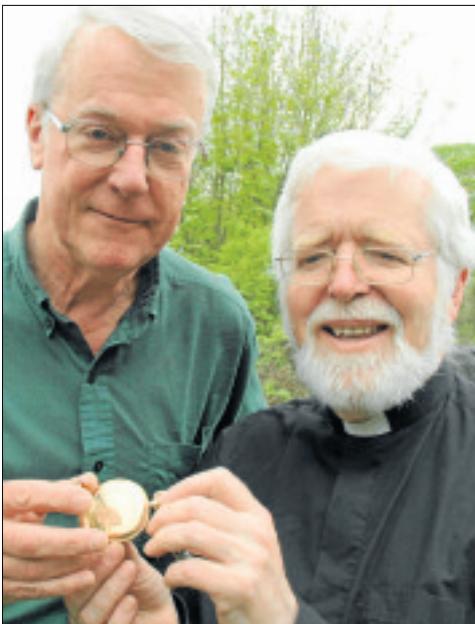
Mr Buckley, who has been at the church since February 2000, said: "I am pleased the watch has come back to the parish.

"It is a nice thing for the church to have. "We will put it on display at times; we obviously can't do that all the time, but we want to give people the chance to see it as it is a very nice watch."

Mr Shelton had tracked down the watch's origins and got in touch with Mr Buckley with the help of Sedgley Local History Society. He delivered the watch while on holiday in England.

It is believed one of Mr Swindell's sons emigrated to Canada and that is how part of the family ended up living there.

Mr Swindell was the longest serving vicar at All Saints – completing 42 years there before he died in 1929. He is buried in Gospel End Street cemetery.



A close-up of the watch

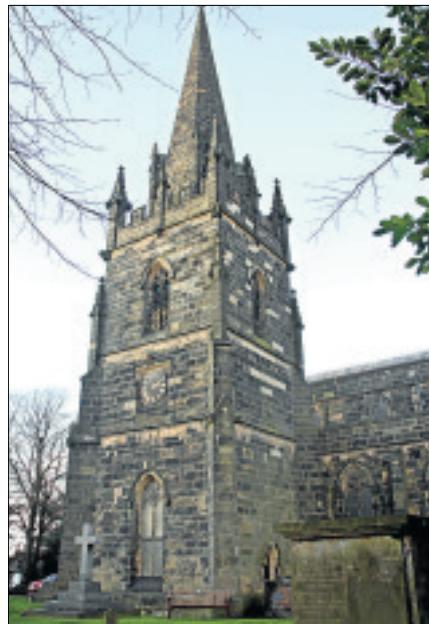
David Shelton with Rev Stephen Buckley and the historic watch

As well as a watch, a commemorative book was made to mark Mr Swindell's 25th anniversary at the church and a copy is now kept at the Dudley Archives centre.

Mr Swindell's great-grand-niece had originally intended to sell the watch.

She had asked a Canadian gold and silver trader to find a buyer.

But when she found out the church was interested in



An outside view of All Saints' Church, Sedgley

having the watch, she said that she could not accept any money for it.

A church has been on the site of All Saints Church in Vicar Street since the 12th century.

The current building dates back to 1805 and opposite is the vicarage and church hall.

● The church wants to hear from anyone who can help fill in any more details of the watch's past. Call 01902 883255.

Plans to bring in new flood defences

PLANS for a new £700,000 flood defence scheme to protect dozens of homes in Bewdley have been lodged with Wyre Forest District Council.

The Environment Agency proposals are to help prevent properties being damaged by water from Riddings Brook in Wribbenhall.

If the plans are approved, work might start by the end of May. Proposals are for a water storage embankment which would hold large amounts of water in the event of a flash flood.

The water would be held in a reservoir before being released gradually.

Intense

The defences would protect more than 50 homes along Riddings Close, Queensway and Kidderminster Road.

In June 2007 dozens of homes in Queensway were flooded following an intense storm.

The agency says there is a five per cent chance of flooding in the area in any given year. The work would reduce this to one per cent.

Residents in the Riddings Close area have been consulted on the plans which were drawn up following studies into the flow of the brook. Experts also consulted historical records.

Bewdley already has defences at Beales Corner on the Wribbenhall side of the River Severn as well as on the opposite side along Severnside North and South.

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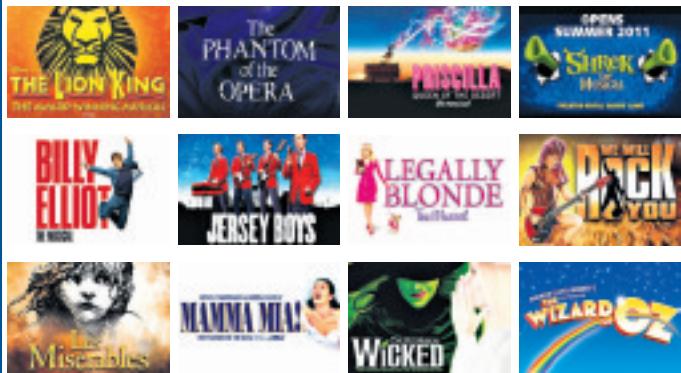
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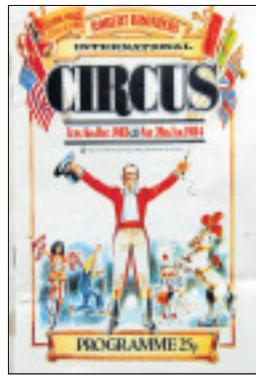
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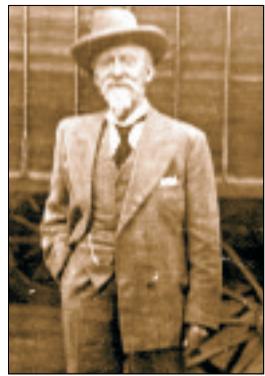
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Looking back – Tommy Kayes, of Cradley Heath



The programme from 1984



Richard 'Buff Bill' in the 1920s

Amazing circus life is revealed by father's tapes

A CIRCUS BOSS has told of his terrifying escape from Nazi Europe in a unique recording of his life story left to his Cradley Heath family.

Lifelong performer James Kayes, who once met Adolf Hitler, had to leave behind all the animals, including his three most prized horses, when war broke out.

He recorded the enthralling story on tapes, leaving a lasting legacy to his family. His son Tommy Kayes, who worked in the circus himself before moving onto fairgrounds, unearthed the tapes earlier this year, seven years after his father's death.

Boss who met Hitler, married a footjuggler and lived to 86

Tommy, whose own children Ross and Scott now run the Kidsworld Fun Fair which tours Sandwell, added: "The tapes are fascinating."

"They were fairground people before there were rides, they had skills and menageries, it was brilliant. I am asking a friend to put the tapes on DVD to preserve the story."

Ringmaster and horse rider James was born into a family of circus people in Lidbrook in Monmouthshire, son to Richard "Buff Bill", who toured Europe with his horse-drawn USA Circus.

Whirlwind

James was one of seven brothers, and also had seven sisters, most of whom went into the circus. His whirlwind life story was preserved on the tapes in an interview for the British Library Archives, left to his son.

He made his ring debut at the age of six, dancing and drumming and toured with his father's show. It was as a teenager on a tour of Germany in 1933 that performers were introduced to statesmen, including Chancellor Hitler. His career was cut short when touring with the Jewish Strassburger family as the Circus Mikenie in Belgium when bombs began falling around their hotel.

Son Tommy, of Woodall Street, Cradley Heath, said: "He managed to escape from Ostend on one of the very last sailings with



James Kayes during his heyday in 1982

his brother Johnny, a lion tamer and rider, and sister Cissie, a lion, dog and horse trainer. He had to lose his best horse, though. He was that angry when he got back that they'd had to leave the best horses, he enlisted."

James served in the Royal Air Force for six-and-a-half years, making his way up the ranks to sergeant during service in Palestine, Crete, Italy and Greece.

After they were demobbed, brothers James and Johnny teamed up again in 1946 with Major Russell's Continental Express Circus. The tapes recall that a year later, James married Yolanda Truzzi, making his father-in-law William Truzzi, former director of the Russian State Circus. Yolanda, whose father had a state funeral and whose ornate Russian grave features lion statues, had her own footjuggling act.

As James and Johnny's reputation as great bareback horse riders and performers grew, they set up their own Kayes Brothers Circus from 1948-1957, working in England and Ireland. James then moved into the fairground world. He would return to the sawdust ring in the 1980s in a pink tailcoat and top hat as ringmaster for Robert Brothers' circus at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. "They knew his reputation and asked him to come out of retirement," Tommy added.

In 2001 James received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The World's Fair. He died in 2004, aged 86.



Johnny and James Kayes in 1931



The mother of Tommy, footjuggler Yolanda Kayes in the 1930s



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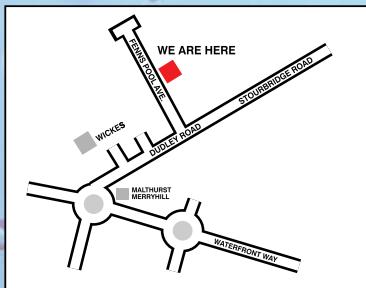


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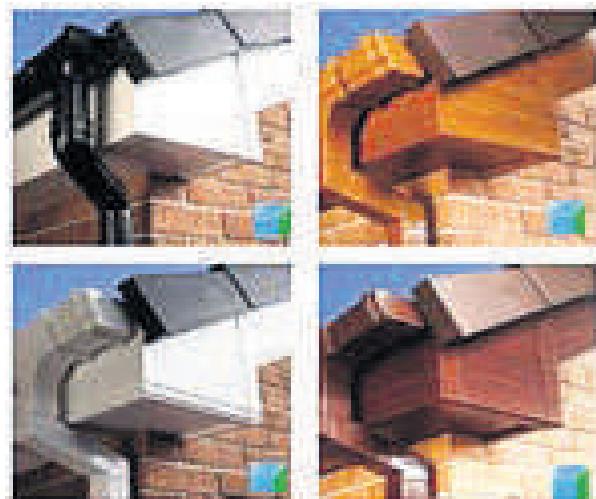
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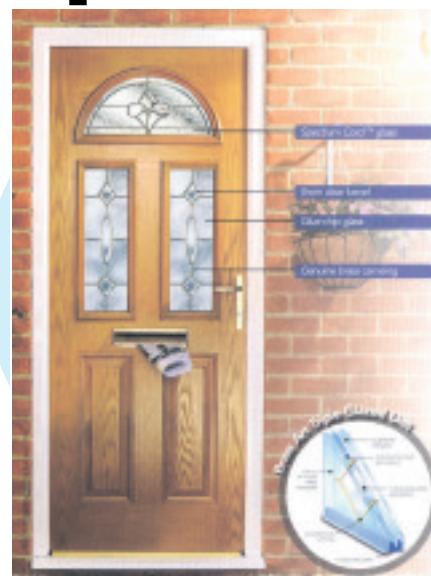


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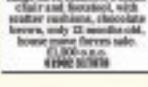
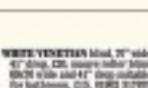
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Megan is first past the post in writing challenge



Megan Woodward with her Racing Post story

A TEENAGER from the Black Country raced away with a top writing award.

Megan Woodward, aged 17, of Cradley Heath, is celebrating after triumphing in a creative writing competition with a horse racing theme.

The student, who attends King Edward VI College in Stourbridge, claimed a £500 prize for her essay titled Jockey Bread, about the pressures on a jockey's wife.

Her mum Belle Woodward said: "Megan loves writing and has done well in several competitions now but she was thrilled to

win this one. She's learning to drive so the money will go towards a car once she hopefully passes her test. "I think she would love to be a writer but it doesn't always pay the bills."

Journalist

The competition was part of the Wills Writing Awards, which have been running for 19 years and reward the best young horse racing writers in the country.

Judges for the competition included legendary horse racing journalist Brough

Scott. A selection of winning articles will be published, in the next few weeks, in the Racing Post and The Irish Field.

The Under 26 winner will also have the opportunity of work experience at the Racing Post.

Megan received her award at a presentation ceremony held at the world-famous Newmarket racecourse.

Mr Scott said: "Judging the Martin Wills Awards is one of the highlights of my year. This time, once again, it shows the flame still burns."

Race on to double charity fundraising

YOUNG Muslims from Cradley Heath are hoping to hot-foot their way to a record charity figure on Sunday.

Members of the local Ahmadiyya Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association in School Street are taking part in the Leamington Spa 10km Charity Challenge.

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Support, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, Save the Children, Humanity First, Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability, NSPCC, Barnardo's, The Royal British Legion, The Royal National Institute of Blind People, and a number of local organisations in the Leamington Spa area.

Donation

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2011 is set to be the biggest yet with new show ambassador Robbie Savage being joined by a host of the biggest names in football. The Derby County and former Welsh international has developed a keen interest in football coaching and the development of junior football as he comes to the end of his illustrious career.

He said: "This is the best show of its kind in Britain and deserves an ever greater platform and profile."

Opportunity

"I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out on the grass roots footballing ladder. It is vital that all young children in this country – boys and girls – are given the very best coaching development as they grow up."

"This show encourages the development of coaches and of best coaching practice. Most of all, it's vital that our youngsters enjoy playing football and are encouraged to continue playing the game at adult level too."

"This show offers an opportunity for all the thousands of coaches and those involved in the grass roots game to meet up with the professionals and learn and showcase new skills, coaching clinics and be educated and entertained."

"I have the utmost admiration and respect for all the junior football coaches who devote their time, money and energies into giving our young people a chance to play organised football."

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns said: "Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event and we can't wait to get started."

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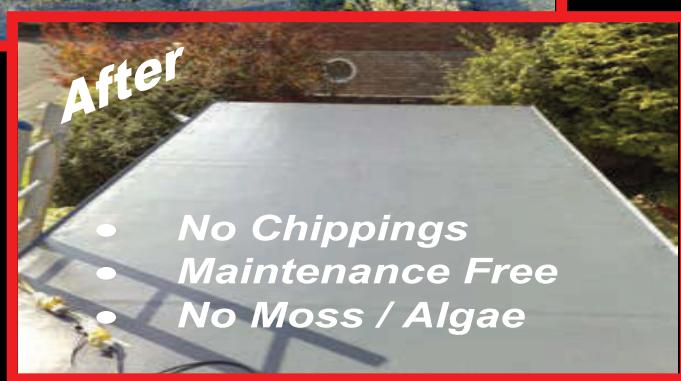


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the pulse

Delta's made sounds of the country with Mersey beat

IMAGINE that Dolly Parton was from Liverpool rather than the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Now hear Delta Maid. This 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Wavertree has a voice as keen and clear as country air and is about to make an impact with her debut album, *Outside Looking In*, which draws upon country and blues music, as much Mississippi as Mersey.

"Sometimes you don't fit a niche," she said. "There's pressure on you to fit in and do the popular thing."

"I know I don't fit the mould but just take a chance and it might work."

Major record label Geffen certainly hope so and the signs look good. New single *Of My Own* has been getting Radio 2 airplay and there is a new, younger audience for country-pop crossover music, thanks to such as

Taylor Swift and emerging sister act

The Pierces.

West Midlands music fans can catch up with the

Delta sound when she performs at Birmingham's Glee Club on Monday, May 9, the day her album is released.



Delta Maid – Glee Club date

Wolves date in Manics mini-tour line-up

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MANIC Street Preachers come to Wolverhampton this month for one of only three gigs in a mini-tour and the only date outside their native Wales.

The powerhouse rock trio will play the seaside resort of Llandudno and then the Civic Hall on Thursday, May 19, before a triumphant return to Cardiff for their first gig in the Welsh capital since 2007.

Bassist Nicky Wire said: "We are really looking forward to playing Cardiff CIA again as it has been over three years since we played there. It will be a great warm up for the festival season and a perfect way to end what has been a brilliant campaign for Postcards For A Young Man."

"On the last dates (and these coming up) we've been playing lots of songs from our past too which has been really enjoyable."

The band released the title track of their latest album *Postcards From A Young Man* earlier this year.

Their formidable back catalogue includes such modern day rock classics as *Motorcycle Emptiness*, *A Design For Life*, *Everything Must Go*, *Australia*, *If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next*.

Also You Stole The Sun From My Heart, The Masses Against The Classes, Empty Souls, There By The Grace Of God, Your Love Alone Is Not Enough and Autumn-song.

Support will come from The Joy Formidable, a rock trio from North Wales fronted by singer and guitarist

Ritzy Bryan. Tickets are £27.50 and the doors will open at 7pm.



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Reviews

Fantastic Mr Fox the opera, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ENGLISH Touring Opera aims to encourage a young audience to experience opera with this adaptation of Roald Dahl's farmyard tale, first performed in California in 1998. A barely half full theatre for this one nighter suggests they have some way to go in achieving this.

However, 20 local youngsters had their first experience of appearing in an opera with children from Wolverhampton's East Park Junior and Woden Primary schools playing fox cubs and trees.

The witty libretto by Donald Sturrock and Tobias Picker's music, a mix of bucolic Vaughan Williams-like incidental music and operatic pastiche, deserved a bigger audience. It was good to have an orchestra in the Grand's pit, though they sometimes overpowered the vocals meaning lyrics were lost, despite selective subtitles shown on TV screens in the theatre's boxes.

Nicholas Merryweather was a swaggering Mr Fox complete with Rod Stewart-esque 70s Mr. Impressive vocal performances came from Miriam Sharrod's Mrs Fox, Welsh soprano Catriona Kirkman's lonely Miss Hedgehog, Carly Hughes' prancing Rita Rat and mezzo soprano Fiona Kimm as the Valkyrie-like digging machine Agnes.

But there was a feeling of anti-climax as the story seemed to fizzle out. It was Mediocre Mr Fox.

Katie Melua, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

The little lady in black showed she is a performer of enormous talent and contrast, switching seamlessly between rock chick, torch singer and playful songstress. Appearing first as a disembodied voice with her *Highest Thing* To Crazy the crystal clear tone of the Georgian singer sliced across the hall until it finally split the curtain to reveal the star looking both sexy and the innocent, girl next door.

Katie extolled the pain of love through tracks like If You Were A Sailboat, the dark, slightly sinister I'd Love To Kill You - a track from latest album *The House - The One I Love Is Gone* and Call Off The Search.

This contrasted with her rock/blues chick side which came through on her cover of Canned Heat's *Going Up The Country* and God On Drums, Devil On The Bass. To further demonstrate her versatility she did a solo, soulful rendition of Lilac Wine, made famous by Elkie Brooks.

She kept her biggest hit, Nine Millions Bicycles, for the encore after an appreciative audience refused to budge until Miss Melua came back on stage. She finally said goodbye with the hauntingly sung I Cried For You.

DANNY FARRAGHER

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LEON BURAKOWSKI

Saturday TV

Choice



HATTIE

BBC2, 9.45pm

Hattie Jacques. The well-worn phrase "larger than life" springs to mind whenever she's mentioned – as well as the infamous Carry On series of films. In fact, many people will know her only for the roles she played in those movies, but as this drama – originally broadcast on BBC Four in January – proves, there was an awful lot more than that to the actress, who died just over 30 years ago. She usually played "mumsy" characters, yet in real life left her husband, future Dad's Army star John Le Mesurier, for a younger man. It's this period of her life that forms the basis of this drama. Ruth Jones is brilliantly cast in the title role alongside Robert Bathurst, Aiden Turner and Jeany Spark.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.30 Match of the Day Live. Coverage of a Championship match (Kick-off 12.45pm). 3.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders (Kick-off 3.15pm). 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.35 Don't Scare the Hare.

6.15 Doctor Who. 7.00 So You Think You Can Dance Live. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again in couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes. The results can be seen at 8.55pm.

8.05 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.55 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.

9.25 Casualty. Jordan is forced to deal with the aftermath of Polly's death.

10.15 BBC News; Weather. 10.35 Match of the Day; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of the final regular weekend of the season; Weatherview.

1.30 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 11.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage of the session at Istanbul Park (Start-time 12.00pm). 1.30 The Sky at Night. (R) 1.50 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.35 Film: Legend. (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. 4.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders (Kick-off 3.15pm). 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.35 Don't Scare the Hare.

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ITV2

4.45 Film: Twister (1996). 7.00 Superman: Super Strong. 8.00 Homes from Hell 9.00 Britain's Got More Talent 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.45 Film: The Matrix (1999)

ITV3

3.40 A Touch of Frost. 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme. 9.00 Foyle's War 11.05 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians v Delhi DareDevils. 7.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 9.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 10.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 11.00 Film: Casino (1995)

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who Confidential. 7.45 Top Gear 8.45 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.45 Family Guy 10.50 Family Guy Presents: Seth and Alex's Almost Live Comedy Show 11.10 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home. 9.00 Spiral. 10.50 The Lighthouse. Stevensons 11.50 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks

E4

1.25 Hollyoaks. 4.00 Make It or Break It. 5.00 Friends. 6.00 Glee. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother. 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM

3.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972). 5.15 Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984). 7.15 The Simpsons Movie (2007). 9.00 Iron Man (2008). 11.20 Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

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BBC2, 9pm

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6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.10 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Live. The fourth race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.25 Escape to the Country. 4.25 Life of Riley. (R) 4.55 Points of View. 5.10 Songs of Praise. 5.45 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R) 7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascapes artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese knotweed. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hutton-in-the-Forest, a country house in Cumbria, where items up for valuation include a painting that was once used for target practice. 9.00 Atlantis. Historical drama, starring Stephanie Leonidas and Reece Ritchie. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.25 The Gatwick Baby: Abandoned at Birth. 11.25 FILM: Irresistible. (2006) Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon; Weatherview. 1.05 Sign Zone: MasterChef. 2.05 Holby City. 3.05 Churches: How to Read Them. 3.35 BBC News.

BBC1

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Halifax RLFC v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 2.15pm). 5.30 Film: The Red Baron. (2008) First World War biopic, starring Matthias Schweighöfer.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. New series. The design secrets of Dubai's Burj Al Arab hotel. 8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. New series. Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon. 9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems affecting English football, and proposes his own solutions to help the game. 10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Chelsea. 11.10 The Shadow Line. (R) 12.10 Film: Aé Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. 1.50 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 Sing If You Can. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.40 Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.40 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 4.40 Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

6.30 Regional Programmes. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 The Cube. A penguin keeper and a 31-year-old man take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield. 8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope sets out to solve the murder of a teenage girl 11 years earlier, exposing the secrets and lies of a close-knit community. Hugo Speer guest stars. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.15 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. Actor explores how a group of 1930s miners became artists. 11.10 The Shadow Line. (R) 12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. 1.00 The Zone; ITV News. 2.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 That Paralympic Show. (R) 7.30 Freesports on 4. 7.55 T4: The Crush. 8.20 T4 Friends. (R) 8.50 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.20 T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) 11.55 T4: Glee. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 2.25 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 2.55 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 3.30 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.30 Time Team. 6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thoughitv. 7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in east London. 8.00 The Hotel. A couple's third anniversary becomes a night to forget. 9.00 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People. (2008) Premiere. A self-promoting writer lands a job at a fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff Bridges. 11.10 FILM: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

1.00 Japan Disaster Benefit. (R) 1.45 Film: Kontroll. (2003) 3.45 Civilization: Is the West History? (R) 4.40 Great British Brands. (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Mio Mao. (R) 7.10 Chiro. (R) 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.15 Funky Valley. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 OK! TV Sunday. 11.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.00 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 2.00 The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) 3.00 Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. 5.05 5 News Weekend. 5.10 Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

7.25 FILM: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman. 10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.05 FILM: The Dentist. (1996) Horror, starring Corbin Bernsen. 12.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2 3.00 Film: Twister (1996) 5.15 Britain's Got Talent 6.15 The Only Way Is Essex 8.00 Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter 9.00 Peter Andre: The Next Chapter 10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff 11.00 Film: The Bucket List (2008)

ITV3

3.10 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) 6.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 7.50 The Best of Mr Bean 9.00 Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) 11.40 Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995)

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Pune Warriors. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) 11.15 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Doctor Who 8.45 Doctor Who Confidential 9.00 Little Britain 9.30 Family Guy: Groundhog Gags 10.00 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 A History of Christianity 8.00 The Secret Life of the National Grid 9.00 The Secret Life of Waves 10.00 Film: Jar City (2006) 11.30 Classic Albums

E4

3.50 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) 6.00 Friends 7.00 90210 7.55 Friends 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM4

3.10 The Cat Returns (2002) 4.45 Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) 6.55 Three Men and a Baby (1987) 8.55 Attack the Block Special 9.00 Along Came a Spider (2001) 11.00 The Descent (2005)

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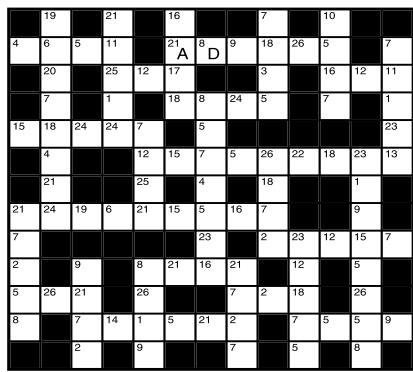
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	K	S	P	U	W	F	Q	G	X	10	11	12	13
14	Z	O	L	H	A	C	E	N	M	V	J	B	Y

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Stay well away from work! (8)
- A letter is itself sent back from the continent (4)
- Issue a period return (4)
- Fit as a litte cat might be (8)
- Entangle wool and express displeasure (5)
- Bitterly continues a row with the French (7)
- Paper clip, perhaps, to keep things secure (5,8)
- It's quite fair to sing about wine (8)
- Birds can do it with their eyes shut (4)
- He's particular about his fare (7)
- A cleansing operation partly under water (5)
- Ties for position (4)
- Supporters of horse-riders (8)

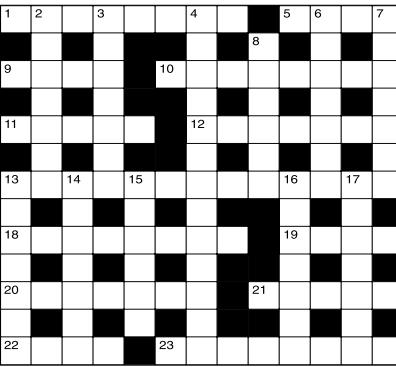
Quick Clues:

Across

- As a fact (8)
- Heroic poem (4)
- Indigent (4)
- Quarrel (6)
- Sudden thrust (5)
- Anointing (7)
- Emotionally (13)
- Theatrical (8)
- Pipe (4)
- Building (7)
- Trap (5)
- Wise man (4)
- Gather (8)

Down

- She gives patient advice on social problems (7)
- Restricts in rents perhaps (7)
- Go into a tent containing main ingredients for amusement (13)
- Prepared scheme - for winning a game of tennis? (3,4)
- He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
- It plays a starring role but doesn't shine (6)
- Have the company of constables on a ship (7)
- I will be bound to feature a lot in his conversation (7)
- Leave to expound? (3,3)
- Authorise a backward Middle East nation (7)
- Balances used in eleven supermarkets (5,2)

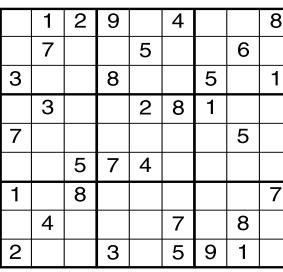


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Repose; 4 Passed; 9 Paying tribute; 10 Ash-tray; 11 Badge; 12 March; 14 Means; 18 Leave; 19 Thimble; 21 Trysting-place; 22 Detest; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Replay; 2 Psychoanalyst; 3 Senior; 5 Amiable; 6 Sound-board; 7 Diesel; 8 Stays; 13 Creates; 15 Slated; 16 Atom; 17 Defers; 20 Impel. QUICK - Across: 1 Bride; 2 Daffodil; 3 Daffodil; 4 Daffodil; 5 Daffodil; 6 Daffodil; 7 Daffodil; 8 Weepy; 18 Alert; 19 Radiate; 21 Transposition; 2 Eyelet; 23 Reveal. Down: 1 Bought; 2 Inconsiderate; 3 Links; 5 Epithet; 6 Contemplative; 7 Relate; 8 Sibyl; 13 Artiste; 15 Cattle; 16 Droop; 17 Vernal; 20 Drive.

Sudoku

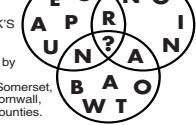
Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >
2 8 4 3 9 6 7 1 5
5 9 7 1 2 4 6 8 3
3 5 2 6 8 1 9 4 7
1 6 9 5 3 1 7 2 4
7 5 6 9 4 1 2 3 8
4 3 1 7 8 2 5 6 9
3 2 6 5 7 4 8 1 0
8 7 3 4 6 9 5 2 1
5 1 9 4 7 5 3 2 6



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

The letter represented by the question mark is R. Somerset, Cheshire, Cornwall, all English counties.

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THE ALLEY

★ Attractively presented three bed detached
★ Desirable location, close to village centre
★ Lounge, dining room, conservatory
★ Modern kitchen with integrated
appliances
★ Good sized bedrooms all with fitted
wardrobes
★ Fully tiled bathroom with separate shower
★ Pleasant gardens to front, rear and side
★ Garage, carport and block paved
driveway.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £199,500

BILSTON



NEW

★ A modern style three bedroomed detached
★ Conveniently situated for all major road and rail networks
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Kitchen and utility
★ Family bathroom, guest cloakroom
★ Ensuite to master bedroom
★ Fitted wardrobes in bedrooms one & two
★ Garage and driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £194,950

COSELEY



PAGET CLOSE

★ An extremely well presented semi-detached in a quiet cul-de-sac location
★ Generous sized accommodation
★ Lounge, kitchen and conservatory
★ Three bedrooms, fitted wardrobes in bedroom one
★ Ensuite to master bedroom
★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
★ Block paved driveway and garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,500

GORNAL WOOD



REDUCED

★ A delightful cottage close to Gornal
village
★ Pleasant lounge, separate dining room
★ Country style kitchen with utility room
★ Large modern bathroom
★ Two comfortable bedrooms, potential
for en-suites
★ Upvc double glazing and gas central
heating
★ Rear garden with sunny aspect
★ Block paved driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £155,000

WOODSETTON



NEW

★ A modern end townhouse, cul-de-sac location
★ Open plan lounge and dining area
★ Kitchen, verandah with utility
★ Two bedrooms and bathroom
★ Upvc double glazing, gas central
heating
★ Pleasant rear garden
★ Allocated parking space

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950

SEDEMOOR PARK, BILSTON



FINNEYWELL CLOSE

★ Semi - detached on a good sized plot
★ Cul-de-sac location
★ Lounge and dining kitchen
★ Two bedrooms ★ Refurbished
bathroom
★ Upvc double glazing and gas central
heating
★ Well maintained secluded rear
garden
★ Driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY



PAUL STREET

★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
★ Built in 2006, beautifully presented town
house.
★ 5 year Zurich guarantee
★ Dining kitchen and lounge
★ Two bedrooms, ensuite to master
★ Family bathroom ★ Downstairs
cloakroom
★ Well maintained rear garden, sunny
aspect
★ Block paved driveway, parking for 2 cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

LANESFIELD



REDUCED

★ A well presented semi-detached bungalow on a corner plot
★ Refurbished throughout to a high
standard
★ Modern kitchen and utility room
★ Conservatory
★ Upvc double glazing
★ Gas central heating
★ Garage & driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

DUDLEY



REDUCED

★ A most desirable modern townhouse
★ In a quiet location at the end of a cul-de-sac, distant views
★ Open plan lounge and modern kitchen
★ Two double bedrooms
★ Upvc double glazing & gas central
heating
★ Low maintenance sunny rear garden
★ Two allocated parking spaces
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £118,500

HURST HILL, COSELEY



NEW

★ A modern style end town house
★ Beautifully presented throughout
★ Open plan living room ★
Breakfast kitchen
★ Two double bedrooms
★ Upvc double glazing and gas
central heating
★ Driveway parking
★ Ideal first time purchase

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

DUDLEY



NEW

★ Semi-detached family home
★ Generously proportioned rooms
★ Lounge ★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Two double bedrooms
★ Upvc double glazing and gas
central heating
★ Driveway parking
★ Ideal for first time buyers

Offers in the region of £99,950

COSELEY



5b OLD MEETING ROAD

★ An impressive terraced cottage
★ Lounge ★ Dining Room
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Two double bedrooms
★ Upstairs bathroom
★ Double glazing ★ Gas central
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★ Kitchen ★ Utility
★ Conservatory ★ Bathroom
★ Parking
★ Offers based on £169,000

UPPER GORNAL
EVE LANE
★ Semi-detached
★ Immaculate throughout
★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
★ Conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Three bedrooms
★ Bathrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ Landscaped gardens
★ Offers based on £139,950

WOMBOURNE
ROOKERY ROAD
★ Cottage
★ Semi-detached
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/diner
★ One bedroom
★ Bathrooms
★ Kitchen
★ Garage
★ Offers based on £135,000

GORNAL
BIRD STREET
★ Semi-detached 3 years old
★ Immaculate throughout
★ Porch, hall, ground floor
clothes store
★ Lounge, conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen ★ 3 Bedrooms
★ En suite to master ★ Bathroom
★ Garage ★ Landscaped gardens
★ Gas CHT, Double glazed
★ Offers based on £167,500

GORNAL
PARK ROAD
★ Semi detached
★ Porch ★ Hall
★ Lounge ★ Dining room
★ Kitchen
★ Utility
★ Two bedrooms
★ Bathrooms
★ Kitchen
★ Garage
★ Offers based on £89,950

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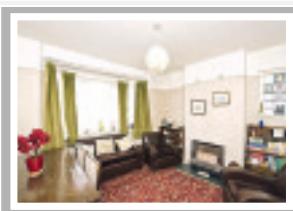
Available with some initial incentives and flexible terms this self contained lock up shop forms part of a parade of busy shops within an established residential estate. With roller shutter doors and customer parking to the front. Gross internal area is approximately 100 square metres (approximately 1070 square feet). Viewing stringly by appointment via the agent.

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NEW



DUDLEY 73 NEW ROWLEY ROAD

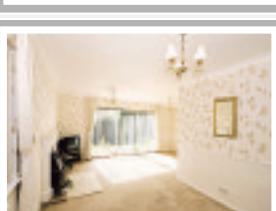
Price Guide: £179,950

- Traditional Detached with Large Garden, scope to add value
- Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Rayburn & Pantry
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Toilet, Side Driveway & Timber Garage
- Rare opportunity, must view, no upward chain

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NEW



DUDLEY 10 COMPTON DRIVE, OAKHAM

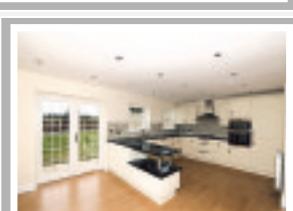
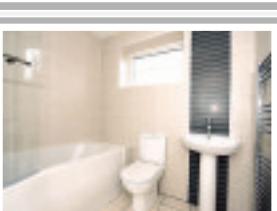
Price Guide: £209,950

- 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Double Garage
- Delightful cul-de-sac position, well presented throughout
- Guest Cloaks, L Shaped Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Bathroom, No Upward Chain. Viewing is Recommended

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NEW PRICE



HIMLEY 94-96 SCHOOL ROAD

Price Guide: £294,950

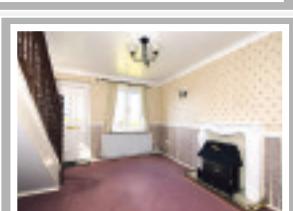
- Superbly renovated & Extended Detached Cottage
- Semi-rural location, Newly appointed throughout
- Lounge, Open Plan Family/Dining/Kitchen, Utility
- 4 Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite, Bathroom & Guest Cloaks
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DUDLEY, 17 COWLEY DRIVE

Price Guide: £124,995

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- Lounge, Breakfast/Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Driveway. Available immediately No Upward Chain

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AUCTION 19 MAY 2011

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132 Lots to include properties on behalf of:   

Lot 1: 27 Kentish Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 33: 20, 35, 41 & 45 Allendale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rent	Lot 63: 21 May Road, Tividale	Residential Vacant	Lot 88: 21 Grange Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham
Lot 2: 8 Plymouth Road, Shirley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 34: 65 Allendale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield & 30 Middenhall Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Ground Rent	Lot 64: 5-6 Canoline Street, Hockley, Birmingham	Commercial Investment	Lot 89: 24-26 Mit Street, Coseley
Lot 3: 31 Templey Road, Bartley Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 35: 32 Yateley Avenue, Great Barr, Birmingham & 11 Windsor Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	Ground Rent	Lot 65: 18 Granary Avenue, Gemmets Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 100: 110-111 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock
Lot 4: 20A Spring Hill Passage, Erdington Hill, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 36: 10-12 Allendale Road, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rent	Lot 66: 43 Raeburn Street, Alumwell, Walsall	Residential Vacant	Lot 101: 37 Gleave Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham
Lot 5: 30a-31a Allendale Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 37: 4 Betteridge Drive & 15 Dickinson Drive, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rent	Lot 67: 5-7 Compton, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	Lot 102: 5 Ingley Gardens, Wolverhampton
Lot 6: 83-90 of 125-130 Wathorne Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 38: 1-2 Bush Court, Denley Road, Coventry	Ground Rent	Lot 68: 21 Hughes Road, Moseley	Commercial Investment	Lot 103: 14 Massfield Road, Walsall
Lot 7: 7-8 of 125-129 Wathorne Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 39: 1-20 Merton Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Ground Rent	Lot 69: 18-19 Fortnum Close, Kitts Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 104: 34/36 Station Road, Erdington, Birmingham
Lot 8: Site of Palmercroft, 31 Bromford Road, Hodge Hill, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 40: 21-23 Hales', 42 Caughron Road, Dudley	Residential Vacant	Lot 70: Land at 47 Hospital Street, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 105: 5 The Cedars, Yardley, Birmingham
Lot 9: Site of Burlington Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 41: St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 71: 41 Erdington Hall, Bilton	Residential Vacant	Lot 106: 210 Wellington Road, Bilton
Lot 10: Former Public Toilets, Munt Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant	Lot 42: Horn Lane, Sutton Coldfield	Residential Vacant	Lot 72: 14 Victoria Avenue, Wednesbury	Residential Investment	Lot 107: 216 Nineveh Road, Handsworth, Birmingham
Lot 11: Lyttonfield House, 1 Ormond Road, Rubery, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant	Lot 43: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 73: 18 Windsor Road, Parkfields, Wolverhampton	Commercial Vacant	Lot 108: 112 Bunkers Hill Lane, Bilton
Lot 12: Underwood Centre, Underwood Close, Off Marsh Hill, Erdington, B74	Commercial Vacant	Lot 44: 2-10 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 74: 14 Market Place, Willehall	Residential Vacant	Lot 109: 16 Walmley Grove, Erdington, Birmingham
Lot 13: 77 Alexandra Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant	Lot 45: Land off Clockfields Drive, Brierley Hill, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 75: 3 Orchard Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 110: 106 Markby Road, Winsford, Birmingham
Lot 14: 47-48 Park Road East, Tipton	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 46: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 76: 2-4 George Street, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 111: 107 Markby Road, Winsford, Birmingham
Lot 15: Land Adj. 52 Anson Road, Harvills Hawthorn, West Bromwich	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 47: 1-10 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 77: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 112: 113 South Hill, Erdington, Birmingham
Lot 16: Land at Duxley Road, Rowley Regis	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 48: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 78: 52 Llewellyn Lane, Kidderminster	Residential Vacant	Lot 113: 154 Tudor Road, Rowley Regis
Lot 17: Land at the end of Heronville Drive, West Bromwich	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 49: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 79: 49 The Linders, Newbridge, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	Lot 114: 154 Tudor Road, Rowley Regis
Lot 18: Land to the North Side of Perry Street, Wednesbury	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 50: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 80: 49 Foley Road, Ward End, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 115: 20 Cinder Bank, Netherton
Lot 19: Land to the South Side of Perry Street, Wednesbury	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 51: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 81: 81-83 Parkers Court, Patesfield Road, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 116: 123 Cinder Bank, Netherton
Lot 20: Land Adj. 139 Ebenezer Street, West Bromwich	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 52: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 82: 2-4 Forge Lane, Wall Heath, Kingswood	Residential Vacant	Lot 117: 146 Commons, Penneth, Dudley
Lot 21: Site of former Timbershears Nursery, Grangers Lane, Cradley Heath	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 53: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 83: 81-83 Montague Bridge Street, Wednesbury	Commercial Vacant	Lot 118: 15 Asbury Court, Newton Road, Great Barr; Birmingham
Lot 22: Land Between 50 & 538 Leabrook Road, Wednesbury	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 54: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 84: 63 Brixwich Road South, Willenhall	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 119: 214 School Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham
Lot 23: Site at Purdy Road/Batmans Hill Road, Tipton	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 55: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 85: 65 Brixwich Road South, Willenhall	Residential Vacant	Lot 120: 218 Nineveh Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham
Lot 24: Land Adjacent corner of 14 School Street/5 Lokes Street, Cradley Heath	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 56: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 86: 95 & 98 Fertham Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 121: 39 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham
Lot 25: 25A Park Crescent, West Park, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	Lot 57: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 87: 35 Dexter Way, Warrington, Peterborough	Residential Vacant	Lot 122: 3 The Straits, Lower Gornal, Dudley
Lot 26: 44 Salway Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 58: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 88: 141 High Street, Brownhills	Residential Vacant	Lot 123: 40 Aston Road, Willenhall
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Lot 28: The Planes, 219 Atherton Road, Measham	Residential Vacant	Lot 60: 22-23 Waverley Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 90: 22-23 Waverley Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 125: 19 Colmore Way, Great Barr, Birmingham
Lot 29: 28 Waverley Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 61: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 91: 284 Pershore Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 126: 16 Greenwood Place, Kingsland, Birmingham
Lot 30: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield & 9 & 11 Redbrick Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment	Lot 62: 16 Hazel Street, Walsall	Residential Vacant	Lot 92: 21 Trident House, Granville Square, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Lot 127: 20 Land r/o House Road & Wallace Road, Rowley Regis
Lot 31: 57 Westwood Road, Sutton Coldfield Ground Rent	Residential Vacant	Lot 63: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 93: 114 Handley Street, Packmans, Stoke on Trent	Residential Vacant	Development/Redevelopment
Lot 32: 12 Coleridge Road & 9 Strood Road, Shirley, Solihull & 62 Allendale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rent	Lot 64: 1-20 St. John's Charners, St. John's Little, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant	Lot 94: 40 Prallins Lane, Solley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant	Residential Investment
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 ● Impressive recently constructed ground floor apartment
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PENSNETT, ROOKERY PARK

● Superb semi detached property
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 ● Ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath
 ● Gas central heating and large rear garden

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CRADLEY HEATH, GRANVILLE ROAD
 ● Splendid semi-detached property
 ● Two double bedrooms
 ● Attractive lounge with gas fire
 ● Fitted dining kitchen with cooker & fridge/freezer
 ● Refitted bathroom with shower over bath
 ● Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
 ● Large rear garden with patio area

£475 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, ALBION STREET
 ● Impressive first floor apartment
 ● Two bedrooms (only master bedroom has furniture)
 ● Superb lounge
 ● Splendid fitted kitchen with built in oven, hob & dishwasher

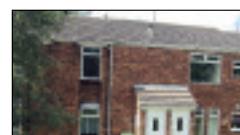
£450 pcm



TIVIDALE QUAYS, WYNN GRIFFITH DRIVE

● Superb modern house
 ● One double bedroom
 ● Splendid lounge
 ● Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
 ● Bathroom with shower over the bath
 ● Double glazing, gas central heating
 ● Driveway

£425 pcm No DSS



BRIERLEY HILL, GORDON CRESCENT

● Impressive recently decorated
 ● First floor apartment
 ● One double bedroom
 ● Splendid lounge
 ● Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
 ● Lounge with feature fire place
 ● Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
 ● Gas central heating & upVC double glazing
 ● Parking to the rear

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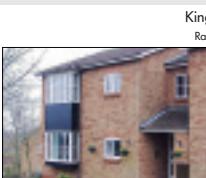
Cradley Heath
Holesowen Road
★One bed ground floor maisonette. ★Bathroom with electric shower
★Open plan kitchen/diner ★Unfurnished
★CH & DG ★ORP
£325 pcm



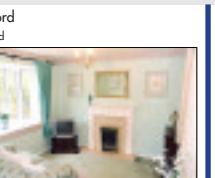
Willenhall
Birch Coppice Gardens
★One bed first floor maisonette
★Lounge
★Fitted kitchen with cooker
★Double glazing
★Bedroom with wardrobes
★Bathroom with bath & electric shower
£325 pcm



Tipton
Holden Croft
★One bed town house
★DG & GCH
★Lounge. Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Front & side gardens
★ORP x 2
£450pcm



Kingswinford
Ragees Road
★Charming one bed ground floor flat
★Lounge with feature fireplace
£350 pcm



★Furnished
★Bathroom with shower cubicle
★Intercom access. ORP
£350 pcm



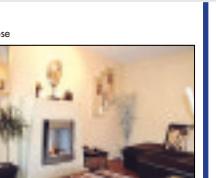
Netherton
Molyneux Road
★Three bed house in cul-de-sac
★GCH & DG
★Hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Additional first floor WC
★Landidgeved gardens.
ORP x 4
£495pcm



Wednesday
Hall Street
★Recently redecorated
★Fitted kitchen. DG
ground floor flat
★Two bedrooms
★Hall, lounge, dining
★Bathroom with bath
area. & shower
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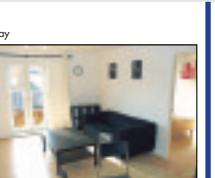
Bilton
Ambleside Close
★Modernised one bed town house
★Luxuriously appointed lounge
★Fully fitted dining kitchen
★Part furnished
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Allocated parking
£435 pcm



★Allocated parking
£435 pcm



Dudley
Southgate Way
★First floor one bed flat
★Lounge. DG
★Fitted kitchen/breakfast area
£450 pcm



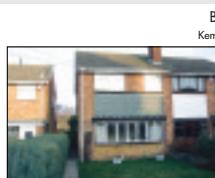
★Bathroom with shower
★Allocated parking
★Freshly decorated
£450 pcm



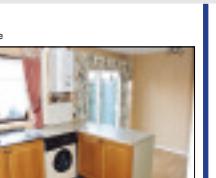
Bilton
Anvil Crescent
★Freshly decorated three bed semi detached house
★Hall, lounge and dining room.
★Kitchen.
★Bathroom with shower
★Enclosed rear gardens
★Newly fitted carpets
£550 pcm



Tipton
Mansion Drive
★Modern four bed detached house
★Lounge with separate dining room
★Bathroom with shower
★Downstairs WC.
★Driveaway & garage
£675 pcm



Bilton
Kensley Drive
★Three bed semi detached house
★Quiet cul-de-sac location
★Lounge & dining kitchen
★Garage & Private gardens
£495 pcm



★CH & DG
★Allocated parking
£495 pcm



Upper Gornal
Nethergate
★Spacious three bed house
★Lounge & separate dining room
★Fitted kitchen, utility with WC
£525pcm



★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Enclosed rear garden. Side access
★ORP
£525pcm



Sedgley
Dearne Court
★Beautifully presented three bed detached house
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★Garage and driveway parking
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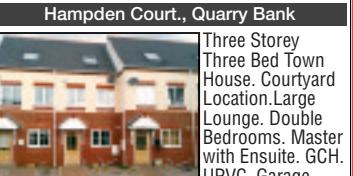
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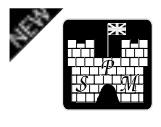
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£475 pcm



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First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished
£360 pcm



**WOODSETTON
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Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking
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Pleasantly situated in this popular, mature and convenient address, this Traditional 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides recently redecorated gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Double Bedrooms, Large Useful Basement Room with great potential, pleasant lawned mature Rear Gardens with access from the rear and Front garden.

Offers around £104,950



**LOWER GORNAL
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Occupying a large corner plot in this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this spacious 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides recently redecorated gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Double Bedrooms, Large Useful Basement Room with great potential, pleasant lawned mature Rear Gardens with access from the rear and Front garden.

Offers around £90,000



**NETHERTON
YEW TREE HILLS**

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this traditional 3 Bedrommed Detached Bungalow provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation which although requires modernisation, offers great potential for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms, Separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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**NETHERTON
BIRCH TERRACE**

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this modern 3 Bedrommed Detached Bungalow provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms, Separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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**KINGSWINFORD
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Most pleasant situated in this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms, Separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDORS This superbly improved, considerably improved and stylishly decorated 2 Bedrommed Detached with gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or professional couple and enjoys a pleasant position with respect to popular address. Attractive Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms with built in oven and hob, Large Double Bedrooms, Fitted House Bathroom, Double Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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**BRIERLEY HILL
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Occupying a pleasant corner plot in this convenient address, this modern 3 Bedrommed Detached residence provides well planned gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms, Separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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**BRIERLEY HILL
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Pleasantly situated just into this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the Investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms, Separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers around £119,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
STOURBRIDGE ROAD**

This attractive, Extended Traditional 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or professional couple and enjoys a pleasant position with respect to popular address and briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Double Glazed, Fitted Bathrooms, Double Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers around £116,000



**KINGSWINFORD
BROMLEY LANE**

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this well presented Modern 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached Intermediate provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning first time buyer or young family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Superb Re-Fitted Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, Enclosed Rear Gardens with gates allowing for off road Parking and neat Front Garden.

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KING STREET**

This superbly presented, stylishly appointed Modern 2 Bedrommed Intermediate "Mews" style residence occupies a quiet cul-de-sac and provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning first time buyer or young family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Superb Re-Fitted Kitchen, 2 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, Enclosed Rear Gardens with gates allowing for off road Parking and neat Front Garden.

Offers around £107,950



**PENSNETT
CHAPEL COURT**

NO CHAIN-FIXTURES AND FITTINGS INCLUDED This attractively presented, Intermediate 3 Bedrommed Detached House provides gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or professional couple and enjoys a pleasant position with respect to popular address and briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Superb Re-Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively Fitted Bathrooms, Double Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden, Driveway for 2/3 cars to the front and additional Drive/Parking Space close by.

Offers around £99,950



**PENSNETT
KIRKHAM GARDENS**

Pleasantly situated in this popular Cul-de-sac, this Intermediate 3 Bedrommed Detached House provides gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or professional couple and enjoys a pleasant position with respect to popular address and briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Superb Re-Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively Fitted Bathrooms, Double Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden, Driveway for 2/3 cars to the front and additional Drive/Parking Space close by.

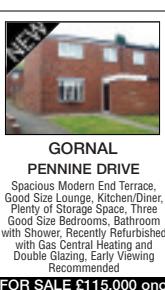
Offers around £74,950



**RUSSELLS HALL
MIDDLE PARK ROAD**

Attractively decorated Modern 2 Bedrommed Semi-Detached Intermediate provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or professional couple and enjoys a pleasant position with respect to popular address and briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Superb Re-Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively Fitted Bathrooms, Double Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden, Driveway for 2/3 cars to the front and additional Drive/Parking Space close by.

£490 PCM EX



**AUDNAM
PLATTS CRESCENT**
Semi-detached property. Kitchen, lounge, wc, three bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, carpets and curtains, large garden, off road parking, garage
£695 pcm



**DUDLEY
MERRYFIELD ROAD**
Semi Detached Property, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Three Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage
£580 pcm



**TIVIDALE QUAYS
BRINDLEYFIELDS WAY**
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Roads
£495 pcm



**KINGSWINFORD
RAGES ROAD**
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Roads
£375 pcm



**GORNAL
EVE LANE**
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Roads
£595 pcm



**ROWLEY REGIS
STUART ROAD**
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Roads
£585 pcm



**GORNAL
NEW STREET**
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Roads
£535 pcm



**QUARRY BANK
WOODLAND AVENUE**
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Spacious Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Roads
£550 pcm



**DUDLEY
STOURBRIDGE ROAD**
Terrace property, Lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, carpets & curtains, rear garden, unfurnished.
£510 pcm



**BRIERLEY HILL
DADFORD VIEW**
Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Front & Side Garden, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing, DSS Considered
£460 pcm



**PENSNETT
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DUDLEY	67,000	DUDLEY	74,950	DUDLEY	77,500	LOWER GORNAL	79,950	KINFARIE RISE	82,000	DUDLEY	86,000
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NORTHGATE CLOSE	50% Shared Ownership. A modern mid town house, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, w.c., first floor landing having two bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, allocated parking to rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	OCCUPATION STREET	A traditional mid terrace property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor having two bedrooms, garden to the rear. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	NEW ROAD	A Well presented mid terraced two bedroom property with accommodation to comprise: entrance hall, lounge, diner, utility, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom to first floor. Further benefits include: gas central heating, double glazing (where specified), garden to rear. Viewing highly recommended.	SUMMER LANE	A three bedroom extended mid terrace property, briefly comprising two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor having three bedrooms, upstairs w.c., garden to the rear, off road parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	PUBLIC NOTICE	Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £32,000 for 30 Kinfarie Rise, Upper Gornal, Dudley, DY3 2BD. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells 4 - 5 Stone Street, Dudley, DY1 1NS before exchange of contracts.	MAYFIELD ROAD	Connells are pleased to introduce this end terrace property having two bedrooms, one reception room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, upstairs bathroom, front and rear garden areas, central heating and double glazing.
TIVIDALE	89,950	COSELEY	92,000	TIPTON	94,950	COSELEY	99,950	BIRCH CRESCENT	99,950	NETHERTON	99,950
	<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>Reduced</i>		<i>Reduced</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>
POPLAR AVENUE	Connells are pleased to introduce this three bedroom semi detached property benefiting from two reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, central heating and double glazing as specified, off road parking to the front.	SARAH CLOSE	A modern two bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, stairs, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	DAVIS AVENUE	A traditional semi detached property, comprises entrance porch, hallway, through lounge, kitchen, stairs, two bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	BROADMOOR ROAD	A two bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms, driveway, garage, garden to the front, rear and side, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Ideal First Time Buyer Purchase.	TIVIDALE	Connells are pleased to introduce this traditional semi detached property, benefiting from two bedrooms, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, central heating and double glazing, off road parking and garage to side, front and rear gardens.	CHURCH ROAD	A traditional mid terrace property set over four floors, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, first floor landing, two bedrooms, cellar, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.
TIVIDALE	105,950	DUDLEY	109,950	NETHERTON	110,000	NETHERTON	114,950	COSELEY	115,000	WOODSETTON	149,950
	<i>Reduced</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>Reduced</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>
DUDLEY ROAD WEST	A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, w.c., first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.	NORFOLK ROAD	A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, verandah, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear.	GILL STREET	A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached property comprising of entrance hallway, two reception rooms, inner lobby, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having three bedrooms, garage, rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	CINDER BANK	An end terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, two reception rooms, inner lobby, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having three bedrooms, garage, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	HOSPITAL LANE	Connells are pleased to introduce this end terrace property having two bedrooms, one reception room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, gas central heating, double glazing as specified, off road parking space and garage, front and rear gardens, alarmed.	PARK ROAD	A detached bungalow, accommodation comprises hallway, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and shower room, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.
COSELEY	154,950	DUDLEY	159,950	TIPTON	159,950	DUDLEY	164,950	TIPTON	169,950	SELDLEY	199,950
	<i>Reduced</i>		<i>Reduced</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>		
PORTLAND PLACE	An immaculately presented, refurbished bungalow. Accommodation briefly comprises: hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Further benefits include: garage, off road parking, gardens and no upward chain. Viewing recommended.	FOREST ROAD	A much improved traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing having master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	CATHEDRAL CLOSE	A detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing having master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	SHIRLEY ROAD	A traditional refurbished detached property, comprises entrance hallway, converted cellar, lounge, dining room, inner lobby, kitchen, first floor landing having four bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, utility & w.c., double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing recommended.	GATE STREET	An immaculately presented modern detached property, accommodation comprises porch, hall, lounge, downstairs w.c., kitchen, first floor landing having four bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, utility & w.c., double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Remainder of the NHBC Guarantee. Viewing recommended.	HIGH PARK CRESCENT	A well presented detached property, accommodation comprises porch, hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, shower room, bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.
OAKHAM	255,000	WOODSETTON	259,950	OAKHAM	275,000	DUDLEY	315,000			DUDLEY	from £119,950
			<i>New Instruction</i>		<i>Reduced</i>		<i>New Instruction</i>				
HILLMAN DRIVE	A detached property, comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, two utility rooms, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, driveway, garage, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	NEATH WAY	A detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, garden to side may be potential for development subject to planning permission.	TANSLEY HILL ROAD	A traditional detached dormer bungalow, comprises entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, bedroom, bathroom, first floor having two bedrooms, double garage, garden to the front & rear, garden to side may be potential for development subject to planning permission.	THE BROADWAY	A traditional four bedroom detached property, comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, shower room, dining room, kitchen/diner, first floor having four bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	Spanish new build repossession	Exclusive, low prices - for a limited period only	PARK VIEW PROSPECT ROW	
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A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge with an archway leading through to the dining room, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway that provides parking for a number of cars, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£189,950**SEDGLEY****DINGLE VIEW**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, an open dining kitchen, a verandah, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, upVC double glazing where stated, gas fired radiators, a delightful rear garden and a detached garage with an inspection pit.

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A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: A reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge with French doors opening on to the rear garden, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, upVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£181,950**SEDGLEY****DUDLEY ROAD**

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, upVC double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden.

£167,950**SEDGLEY****BROWNSWALL ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access into the conservatory, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£164,950**LOWER GORNAL****EATON CRESCENT**

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, an L-shaped reception hall, a lounge with a feature fireplace, a dining room and patio doors opening onto the rear garden, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, a garage and a large rear garden.

£162,950**GOODRICH MEWS**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge with doors leading into the conservatory, a dining room, a magnificient fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a bathroom, upVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£162,950**SEDGLEY****ASHEN CLOSE**

A three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing to most of the windows, gas fired central heating, a detached garage and a pleasant rear garden.

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A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, an upstairs office, a bathroom, upVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

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£136,950**LOWER GORNAL****WALLS WOOD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room/dining room, a kitchen, a utility room, a storage room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, upVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

£136,950**SEDGLEY****HIGHFIELD ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room, a kitchen, a utility room, a storage room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, upVC double glazing, part gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful garden that enjoys distant views of the Beacon.

£119,950**LOWER GORNAL****THORNLEIGH**

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£117,950**LOWER GORNAL****LAKE STREET**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a substantial lounge, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, upVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a long rear garden.

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£97,950**RETREAT GARDENS**

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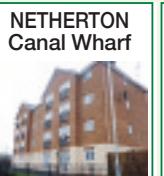
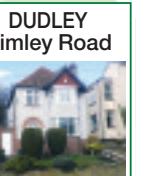
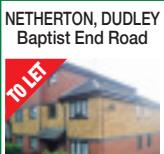
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<p>DUDLEY Lilac Road</p> <p></p> <p>A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining kitchen, driveway and garden to the rear</p> <p>£84,950</p>	<p>OLDBURY Bury Hill Road</p> <p></p> <p>A traditional two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom and garden to rear. Must be viewed</p> <p>£84,950</p>	<p>DUDLEY Parkes Hall Road</p> <p></p> <p>Modern three storey three bedroom houses with lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, master bedroom with en-suite, parking and garden to the rear</p> <p>£125,950 (from)</p>	<p>DUDLEY King Street</p> <p></p> <p>A one bedroom first floor flat having kitchen/diner, double bedroom, bathroom. Unfurnished, available now. DSS considered with guarantor</p> <p>£350 PCM</p>	<p>NETHERTON Halesowen Road</p> <p></p> <p>A one bedroom self contained room in a shared furnished house. Shared lounge, dining room and fitted breakfast kitchen. Inclusive of all bills.</p> <p>£350 PCM</p>	<p>WEDNESBURY Clarkson Road</p> <p></p> <p>A one bed, first floor flat, unfurnished, with lounge, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Central heating and double glazing, off road parking, available now. Dss ok with guarantor.</p> <p>£360 PCM</p>	<p>DUDLEY Priory Road</p> <p></p> <p>First floor two bedroom flat. Lounge and two bedrooms on the first floor. Kitchen and utility on the ground floor. Double glazing throughout. Double glazing. Private entrance to the rear. Parking available at the front. No DSS. No Pets. Available now.</p> <p>£395PCM</p>
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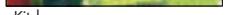
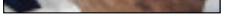
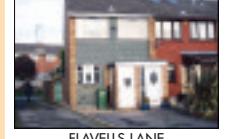
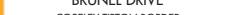
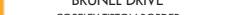
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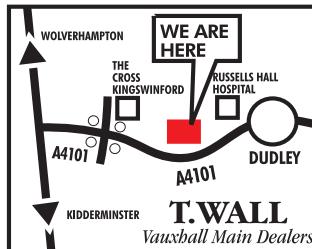
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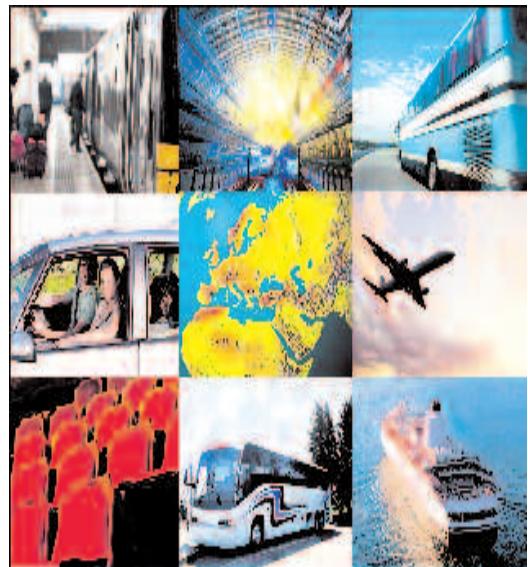
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Old Hill fall just short in thriller

Wellington 211-6,
Old Hill 205-6.

Wton won by six runs

OLD HILL fell just short of their target as they bowed out of the Williamson Trophy in the second round.

The visitors won the toss and put Wellington in to bat, before putting the openers under pressure with some tight bowling.

Matthew Tilt, promoted to number four, scored 30 for Wellington with Bilal Shafayat (20) providing good support before being caught on the boundary.

Wendall Wagner (34) was in excellent form but like Simon Khomari (26) failed to go on and make a match-winning score.

Spate

That was left to Ben Price, who provided the innings of the day with 58 not out from just 48 deliveries, including nine fours and a six as Wellington posted 211-6 from their 40 overs.

Old Hill began comfortably and reached 153-2 but a spate of wickets reduced them to 172-6.

Nitesh Patel top scored with 52, while captain Nathan Round (45) and Mike Hingley (37) helped give the visitors a good chance of victory.

But despite a late flurry of boundaries from Carl Whyte, who scored 29 off 21 balls, Wellington held their nerve to win by six runs.

Wright stuff for Himley

Smethwick 134,
Himley 135-4. Himley
won by six wickets

HIMLEY progressed to the second round of the Williamson Plate with a comfortable victory on the road against Smethwick.

The home side batted first and were indebted to Faisal Shahid for a half-century.

But Shahid could find little consistent support and Himley winkled out the home team for just 134.

Greg Wright (39) and Ben Smith (34) top-scored for Himley who reached their target with few alarms and had six wickets and 13 overs to spare at the close of the game.

Pedmore standing firm as bat dominates ball

THE 2011 season started in good sunshine and after the recent dry spell some outfields looked as if it was August rather than April.

Straight back into form were high-scoring favourites **Astwood Bank**, for whom Steve Adshead and Tom Pedley recorded the first centuries in Division One in a second-wicket stand of 153 at newly promoted **Pedmore**.

Their final total of 335-5 in 50 overs must have looked daunting but Pedmore showed why they are the administrator's outside pick for the title. Their response was 292-6 which held Bank to a winning draw in a fixture dominated by the bat.

Worcestershire Cricket League with Chris Marsh

Elsewhere, last year's runners-up **Worcester Nomads** thought their score of 198 all out in 46.3 overs insufficient to offer up at returning **Pershore**. But the hosts crashed to their first county league defeat in more than two seasons when they subsided to 141 all out.

However, if the Nomads thought their total was a little light then **Stourbridge's** 157 all out must have seemed even more modest. But **Redditch**, without last season's star batsman Adam Gailey, were bowled out for 102.

The other newly promoted side,

Oldswinford, were immediately up against it at home to **Bromyard** as the visitors racked up 224-6 and won by 95 runs.

Rob Combes, captain of **Bewdley**, made a resolute 96 as his side reached 204-9 in reply to Worcester's 268-5.

Cards

Meanwhile **Droitwich's** batsmen must have had a party to go as they cruised past **Romsley's** 147 all out in 32 overs with 148-2 in just 22 to complete the first Division 1 XI cards for the day.

In Division Two **Colwall** and **Belbroughton** are the early maximum point leaders with victories over **Coombes**

Wood and Feckenham respectively.

Monmouth and **Burghill** were also winners, overcoming **Dominies** and **Malvern**.

Nick Panniers of Colwall with 123 made the top score and Ben Owens of **Wormelow** took 7-39 in the draw with **Netheriton**.

Division Three looks to be full of thrills in 2011 and four sides headed straight to the top with maximum points: **Alvechurch**, **Harvington**, **Rushwick** and **Harborne**.

The other two matches also saw victories with **Stourport** and **Old Vigorians** defeating **Cookley** and **Lye**.

There was a ton for Mike Burgess of

Harborne and **Harvington's** consistent all-rounder Nathan Gage opened his account with 7-9 from 11 overs.

The new county-wide Division Four saw opening day winners, **Avoncroft**, **Alveley**, **Tenbury** and **Barnards Green** easily eclipse their opponents as Ben Mason's 113 for **Tenbury** and Josh Bent's 6-45 for **Alveley** took the individual honours.

Meanwhile in Division Five, there were four winners as **Hanley Castle**, **OEs** and **thirds**, **Bromsgrove** and **Old Hill** thirds were successful.

Jackson McMullen's 91 for **Hanley Castle** and Jim Manley's 5-57 hit the heights.

Backs to the wall as Hales take victory

Old Halesonians 32 Walsall 29

OLD HALES clung on tenaciously to secure a welcome three-point win over Walsall.

The home side were penned against their line for the final minutes but tackled heroically to hold on for the win in Midland One West.

Walsall looked good going forward and scored four fine tries.

But their defence proved brittle and Old Hales took full advantage with five scores to their own.

The pattern of the match was set in the third minute as the visitors took opposition ball at a scrum in the Old Hales 22m zone. But, as so often from then on, the ball was spilled. The hosts gained possession and a gutsy decision to run and pass the ball out of defence was justified spectacularly as winger Sutherland ran in a try from 70 metres.

Sparkle under lights

Walsall 35 Dudley Kingswinford 18

DUDLEY Kingswinford's under-18s put up a brave show under lights against a club celebrating its fourth successive county championship.

It was an excellent game of open attacking rugby with both sides contributing.

Walsall were on top for most of the game and eventually ran out 17-point winners.

But Dudley never shirked the issue in going toe to toe with their opponents.

And it was the visitors who managed to get the final word when they scored a good try with the very last play of the match.

But Walsall failed to deal with the restart and subsequent clearance opportunities. Old Hales promptly ran in a try by the posts.

And they landed the decisive blow when a loose ball was scooped up by the speedy Sutherland for an 80-metre try.

Hooper's conversion made it 32-26 but Wood's boot brought the gap down to three.

However, despite five minutes of scrumming close to the Old Hales line the hosts clung on to victory.

Moss green shoots of revival finally wither

Macclesfield 48 Stourbridge 24

STOURBRIDGE SAXONS were unable to avenge an opening day defeat by the National One newcomers as Macclesfield ran in seven tries in the Cheshire sun.

But it was not one-way traffic, Stourbridge notching four tries, dominating periods of play and finishing with the score of the match.

Stourbridge had made the perfect start to the match, marching the opening kick-off deep into Macclesfield territory with the help of some cheap penalties before prop Billy Moss stepped inside some weak tackling to open the scoring.

The lead failed to last as Macclesfield hit back through skipper Evan Stewart who went over from a catch and drive at a lineout, writes Tim Evereshed.

Three tries in the last 10 minutes of the half ended the match as a contest with Ryan Parkinson grabbing two in two minutes, both from close range, before scrum-half Charlie Mulchrone dummed his way over from a scrum to give his side a 31-5 half-time lead.

Stourbridge were out early for the second half and the fired-up Saxons began driving their opponents backwards in all areas.

Revival

Ashley Smith closed the gap with a fine try after good work from Jamie Hearn and Peter White.

And it looked game on seven minutes later when good work by scrum-half White led to Ben Hughes burrowing over for another try.

However, the revival came to a shuddering halt as Macclesfield hit straight back through Stewart, who brushed off some weak tackling to run in. Josh Fowles and Iain Taylor extended the home lead before Sam Robinson got on the end of a flowing move for the match's final – and best – score.

Ashey Morris won a double-point tactical outing in the penultimate heat, but the home side took 5-1 maximums from each of the other three races.

The Heathens' other race winners were Darryl Ritchings and Richard Franklin while skipper Jon Armstrong got five rides under his belt on his return from injury. Jack Hargreaves led the way for the Buxton with a 15-point maximum. Dudley were hosting Scunthorpe/Sheffield on Tuesday night.

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Adam Roynon in action against Buxton in his last Heathens appearance before injury struck

Roynon big miss for the Heathens

Birmingham Bulls 53 Dudley Heathens 39

DUDLEY felt the absence of broken femur victim Adam Roynon sorely as they fell to a challenge match reversal at a very strong Birmingham Bulls side on Sunday.

Roynon's guest replacement Byron Bekker managed seven points but the Heathens found heat wins hard to come by. But they packed the minor placings effectively and trailed by just five points with four heats remaining.

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Prop Billy Moss galvanised Stourbridge with an early try at Macclesfield

Rowe double gives Glassboys their first trophy in 10 years

Stourbridge 2 Worcester City 0

STOURBRIDGE lifted the Worcestershire Senior Cup for the first time in 30 years after they upset Blue Square North Worcester City at Aggborough.

Ryan Rowe's first-half double saw Ben Billingham and Craig Slater lift the impressive trophy in front of the jubilant Stourbridge supporters, who celebrated their first silverware since 2001.

Gary Hackett's side had the better of the opening 45 minutes on April 27 after surviving a few nervy moments early on, with keeper Lewis Solly pushing a dangerous cross from the right by Simon Richman round his near post.

After that, though, the



Glassboys fans celebrate victory over Worcester.

Glassboys carried the greater threat going forward for the rest of the half. Billingham saw a shot well saved by Worcester keeper Dean Coleman diving to his left

after James Dyson teed him up. Stourbridge broke the deadlock in the 20th minute when Rowe scored from two yards after Coleman failed to hold

passes with Billingham, before holding off a defender and shooting low past Coleman into the far corner.

Worcester looked to respond and on 35 minutes Matt Birley's rasping shot was parried by Solly.

Stourbridge almost had the perfect start to the second half, however, as Paul McCone sent a diving header wide from a Billingham flag-kick.

Worcester twice went close in quick succession just past the hour. Along throw-in from Asa Charlton was headed back to Richman and his low shot from the edge of the box was palmed wide by Solly.

Then Kevin O'Connor curled a shot narrowly wide from just outside the area.



Ryan Rowe puts Stourbridge on the way to victory with the opening goal

sport

RACE FOR SECOND GOING TO THE WIRE

Wellington 0 Gornal Athletic 4

GORNAL hotshot Marv Nisbett grabbed a hat-trick and smashed the 30-goal barrier as the visitors ensured the race for second place behind champions Tividale goes to the last weekend of the season.

Ian Rowe's side are now level on points with second-placed AFC Wulfrunians – albeit with a massively inferior goal difference – going into the season's climax.

Wellington proved stubborn opposition as a swirling wind made play awkward. The home side almost scored on four minutes when Gornal's defence failed to clear a corner and Andy Price blazed over.

Champions hit back to gain a draw

AFC Wulfrunians 1 Tividale 1

THE BIG game between the top two in the West Midlands Premier ended in a hard-fought draw.

Champions Tividale were given a guard of honour by Wulfs as they made their way on to the pitch.

The hosts made the brighter start and almost took a first-minute lead when Mensah Kinch's chip was cleared off the line by Joel Kettle.

When Kinch returned the ball into the area Mark Swann headed over from six yards out.

Robins mauled by Lions

Bloxwich 3 Dudley T 0

RED LIONS striker Alan Wilkes' good form continued as he netted a brace against Dudley to make it six goals in two games.

Wilkes opened the scoring in the 31st minute when he raced onto a through ball from Carl Morris and volleyed past the keeper from the edge of the box. He also went close with a free-kick while Karl Edwards missed a chance just before half-time.

Smother

Tividale had a great chance to level five minutes before the interval when James Cooper was put through by keeper Danny Tipton but failed to smother his shot.

The visitors stepped up the pressure after the interval, drawing level in the 58th minute. Neat play down the right following a short corner ended with Cooper firing home a low shot from the edge of the area.

Brett Clarke nearly won it for Tividale but his shot smashed the inside the post. A draw was probably a fair result.

The first goal came in the 29th minute and fell to the home side.

Rounded

But the breakthrough finally arrived on 62 minutes when Dave Mees drilled a free-kick through the Wellington wall and past the despairing grasp of Pan-Beech.

Cameron Morgan almost doubled the lead five minutes later when he latched onto a through ball and rounded the keeper only for Rolfe to clear off the line.

Four minutes later Nisbett struck, muscling his way from a wing position into the middle and curling the ball in from 25 yards.

Nisbett doubled his personal tally on 89 minutes when he sprinted onto a Paul Henley through ball and lobbed home.

And the pacy striker grabbed his hat-trick in the second minute of injury time when he bundled the ball home after Dave Mees had nodded back a corner from the far post.

Gornal are at bottom side Bromyard on Saturday.

Tipton rattle up 100 points and score 101 goals – but miss title

Tipton Town 4 Friar Lane 0

TIPTON ended their impressive season with a victory over Friar Lane.

The win and four goals means that Tipton end their campaign on 100 points and having scored over 100 League goals.

They also have the best defensive record in the league conceding just 32 goals all season – but Coalville ultimately secured the Midland Alliance title thanks to a superior goal difference. Curiously, Coalville finished on plus 100.

Going into the game Tipton needed a near miracle to end the day as champions because free-scoring Coalville were up against Alvechurch. The Leicestershire side won 9-0 but Tipton can be proud of their campaign.

There was nothing to choose between the top two and it seems harsh that only one team will be promoted when both clearly deserve it.

Against Friar Lane, Nicky Campbell made a start on the right-hand side and Steve Palmer was recalled to the team as Tipton's youth players were allowed to play in the Reserves Cup final at Chasetown.

The game could have been made safe in the opening few minutes when Danny Campbell latched onto an awful headed backpass.

Elected

However, he elected to try to find strike partner Jozef Jakab when it seemed easier to score.

Marcus Jackson cleared the crossbar when the visiting defence got in a muddle on the edge of the box, allowing Jackson a free shot on the Friar Lane goal.

News filtering through of the inevitable goals for Coalville meant that Tipton now had only the 100 points and goals mark in their sights as compensation.

But the goals looked hard to come by as chances came and went.

Danny Bragoli was denied by Thomas Johnson and the keeper again was at his best to deny a stinging Jakab strike after Danny Campbell's flick.

Jakab went close as the half came to a conclusion following Jackson's corner, and the sides went into the break level.

Finally the breakthrough came two minutes after half-time.

Whiley helps Britain to medal glory

HALESOWEN'S wheelchair tennis star Jordanne Whiley has helped Great Britain to a world medal.

Britain took bronze in a play-off with Switzerland in the ITF World Team Cup in Pretoria, South Africa with Whiley in sparkling form.

She won all three of her singles matches in the competition and teamed up with

Louise Hunt to win the decisive doubles on Sunday.

In the opening match against the USA, following a walkover against Thailand, Hunt put the first point on the board and Whiley clinched the tie with a 6-3 2-6 6-3 success.

The Americans forfeited the doubles but Britain's hopes of gold foundered in

the semi-final against Germany.

Rising star Sabine Ellerbrock cruised past Hunt 6-1 6-2 only for Whiley to rescue the tie with a straight sets 7-6 (7-3) 6-4 win over German number one Katharina Kruger.

But with the tie coming down to the doubles rubber and again she delivered, beating Simona Rusnak 6-3

6-0 in just over an hour to force a deciding double rubber.

Hunt and Whiley dropped the first set against Rusnak and Suter-Erath but then ran away with the tie to win 3-6 6-1 6-3 to the delight of GB team manager Gérard Richards. "Louise and Jordanne have brought Great Britain's week to a spectacular end," he said.

Academy scheme to boost Harriers

STOURBRIDGE College and Kidderminster Harriers FC have teamed up to create two partnership academies.

The goal is to get young people trained and qualified for work in the sports and hospitality industries.

The new Football and Hospitality Academies will offer training opportunities for those 16 and over in the hospitality industry.

It will also help them achieve their football goals.

College principal Lynette Cutting said: "Our new partnership with professional football club Kidderminster Harriers is unique in that it offers our students training in a real working environment."

Variety

"We will be recruiting apprentices for our Hospitality Academy and looking for top class footballers to join the Football Academy – all of whom will be supported through a variety of courses to help them prepare for careers in sport or catering."

Harriers chairman Mark Serrell said: "Any team wants to do what it can to produce more home grown talent and, over a period of time, our ambition is to have youngsters coming through the system who can establish themselves as Harriers' players."

Causeway's fancy stuff

Causeway United 2 Loughborough Univ 0

THE BLUES ended their Midland Alliance season with a victory over the high-flying students at The Grove.

And the Causeway side continued their tradition of warming up for the final game in fancy dress.

Scott Stevenson provided the opening goal for Causeway on 51 minutes with an excellent strike with teammate Stuart How rounded off a good afternoon to add his name to the scoresheet three minutes from time.

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Danny Campbell's header is saved by the keeper. Pictures: Tony Marsh



Lee Osbourne nets goal number 100

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